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Letters to the Editors

Dear Nick Mag,
In your February/March issue, you say that Jim Carrey wears a size 11 shoe, but later, Jim Carrey says that his shoe size is 53. Please tell me his correct shoe size.

John B., age 13
Pasadena, Maryland

Dear John,
His correct shoe size is 11. If he really was a size 53, he wouldn't be in show business, he'd be in shoe business.

Dear Nick Mag,
I just love your magazine! I read it to my Aunt Ruby. She loved it! (I'm sorry if I offended you by reading it to my aunt, but I think of her as a kid. She's so funny!)

Your biggest fan,
Tracy B., age 11
Amarillo, Texas

Dear Tracy,
We're glad you think of Aunt Ruby as a kid. But we have a question—can you kid Aunt Ruby?

Dear Nick Mag,
I noticed that you are on the 50th floor. What does it look like from up there? Do people on the sidewalk look like ants?

Erin R., age 11
Las Vegas, Nevada

Dear Erin,
Yes, they do look like ants. Just the other day, we think we saw Aunt Ruby. In any case, here's a photo so you can decide for yourself.

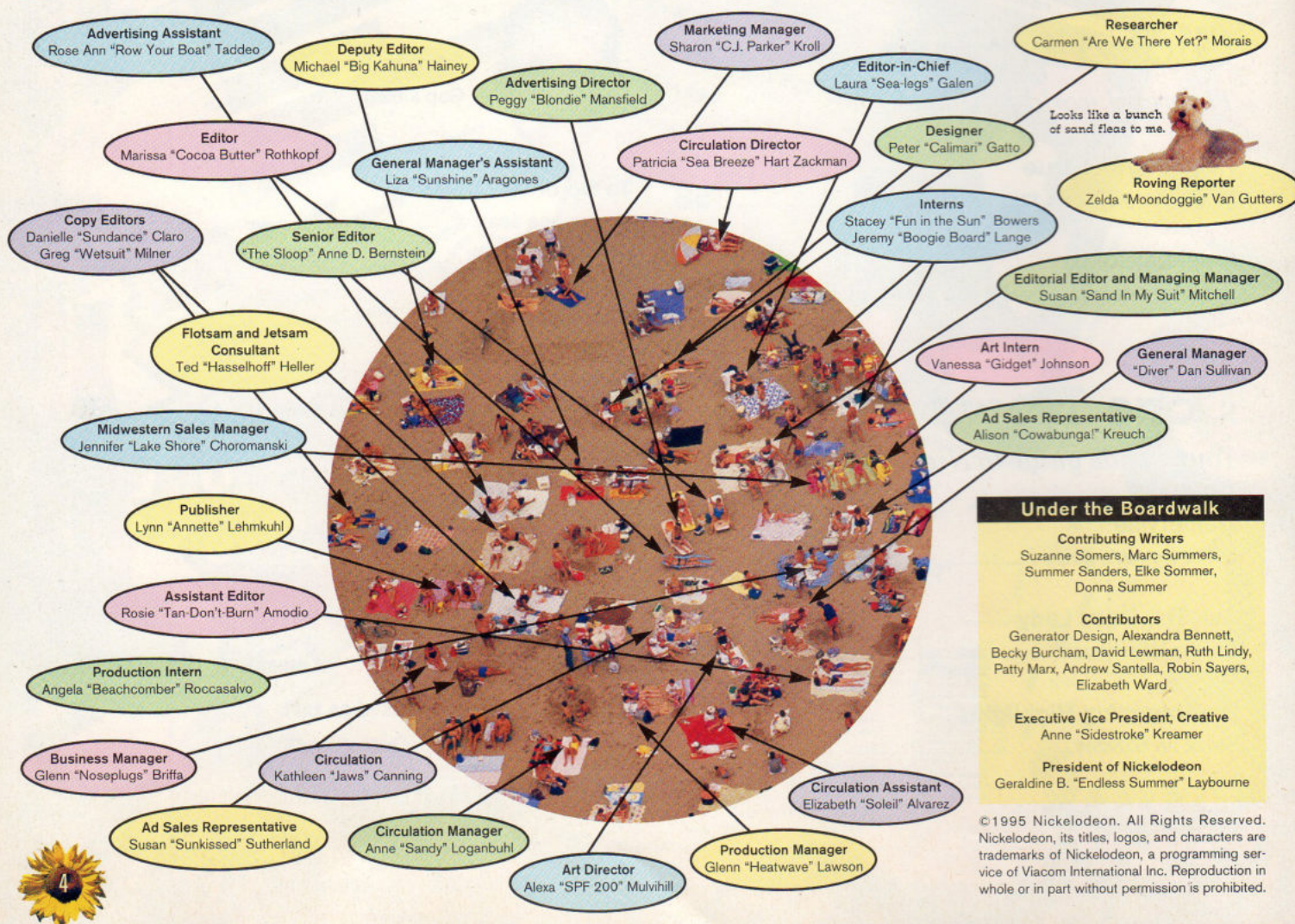


Dear Nick Mag,
The reason I'm writing to you is that I'm so happy with your magazine that I can't get my nose out of it! I first got it when my tooth ached. My dad went to the store and got me some Orajel and Nick Magazine.

Your newest reader,
Angelica B., age 9
Fullerton, California

Dear Angelica,
Four out of five dentists recommend NICKELODEON for their patients who read magazines.

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SUPERMAN vs BATMAN

FLASH vs FLASH

AQUAMAN vs WONDER WOMAN

BATMAN vs FLASH

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whatever we want

WE ARE TWO

It's our second birthday.
To celebrate, we created
green slime cupcakes.
Find out how to make them
on page 9.

LET'S GO MONTHLY!



All right, already! A lot of readers have written in to ask why we only come out every other month. Well, starting with the next issue (August), we'll come out 10 times a year—that's *almost* monthly. Until then, read this one *very* slowly.

HERE COMES SUMMER

Check out our
special summer
section, which
begins right
over there with
a full page of
really hot jokes.



Find the Founding Fathers

Five of the
people listed below
are signers of the Declaration
of Independence. We made up
the other names. Which are
real and which are fake?
Put a check in front of
the real ones.



☐ Button Gwinnett

☐ Chumley Whippersnood

☐ Thomas Spelunking

☐ Samuel Zipper-Smythe

☐ Nigel Livershoe

☐ Caesar Rodney

☐ Francis Lightfoot Lee

☐ Oliver Wolcott

☐ William Whipple

☐ Ansonia Dakota Apthorp

☐ Wilmington Delaware



The Joke Page

by David Lewman



Slightly Corny

What did they serve

...at the door-makers' picnic?
Corn on the knob.

...at the Q-Tip makers' picnic?
Corn on the swab.

...at the slime-makers' picnic?
Corn on the blob.

...at the inventors' picnic?
Corn on the thingamabob.

...at the office picnic?
Corn on the job.

...at the funeral-home owners' picnic?
Corn on the sob.

...at the pig farmers' picnic?
Corn on the hog.

...at the tennis players' picnic?
Corn on the lob.

Get 'Em While They're Hot

What's black and white and red all over?

A sunburned Dalmatian.

How hot was it yesterday?

It was so hot that the watermelon came to a boil.

What should your dad ride in the Fourth of July parade?

A pop-sicle.

How did the big fireworks show go last night?

It bombed.

Why don't rabbits get hot in the summer?

Because they have hare-conditioning.



I'm a corn dog.

Don't Knock-Knock It Till You've Tried-Tried It

"Knock, knock."

"Who's there?"

"Sandal."

"Sandal who?"

"Sandal get in your shoes at the beach!"



"Knock, knock."

"Who's there?"

"Butterflies."

"Butterflies who?"

"Butterflies across the room if you flip it with a knife!"

"Knock, knock."

"Who's there?"

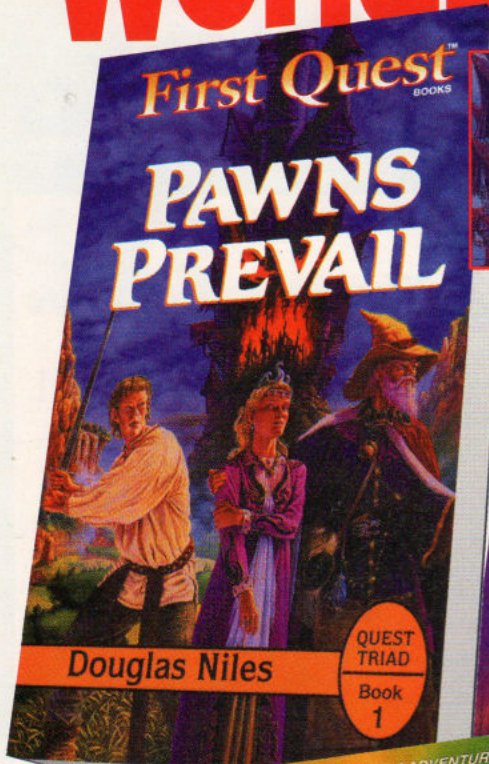
"Summer."

"Summer who?"

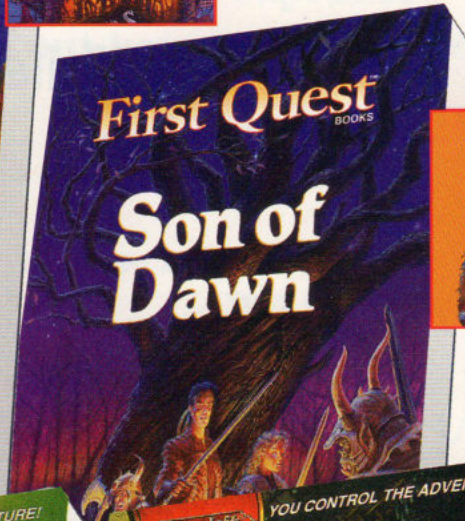
"Summer funny, some are not!"



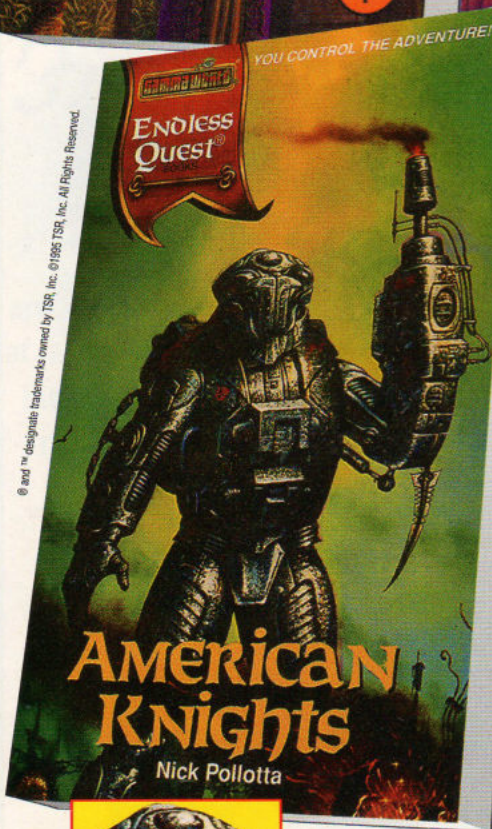
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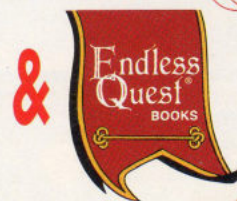
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GREEN SLIME CUPCAKES



Slime It Your Way!

Remember: Have an adult help you in the kitchen.

Make Your Own Green Slime Cupcakes

Step 1

The cupcakes

You'll need:

- 1 box devil's food cake mix
(Cake mix requires some other ingredients, which are listed on the box.)
- 18-24 paper cupcake-tin liners

Line a cupcake tin with the paper cups. Follow the directions on the box to make the batter. Pour the batter into the cups, filling each 3/4 full. Bake as directed.

Step 2

The chocolate icing

You'll need:

- About 6 ounces semi-sweet chocolate chips

As soon as the cupcakes come out of the oven, place 8 to 10 chocolate chips on top of each one. Be very careful not to touch the hot pan. When the chocolate chips look shiny and soft (this takes from 4 to 8 minutes), use a butter knife to spread them around the top of each cupcake. Set the cupcakes aside to cool.

Step 3

The green slime

(Make within one hour of serving.)

You'll need:

- 2 1/4 cups confectioners' sugar, sifted
- 3/4 cup heavy cream
- 2 teaspoons vanilla
- green food coloring

Mix the confectioners' sugar and the cream together with a large spoon until smooth. Blend in the vanilla and 8 drops of the food coloring. Add more food coloring if you want the slime to be greener. Do not refrigerate. Just before serving, stir the mixture. If the green slime has become too thick, add a tablespoon or two of heavy cream.

Step 4

It's slime time!

Bring the cupcakes to the table. Pass the slime around in a bowl with a big spoon, and let everyone slime their own cupcakes. Eat the cupcakes, **and have a good slime!**

Have

a Good Slime

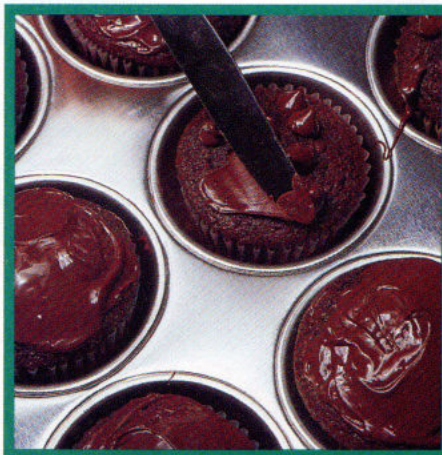
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It's our second birthday, and to celebrate, we went into our test kitchens. When we came out, we had invented green slime cupcakes. Now we want you to eat them. Follow the directions on the attached recipe card, then sing these final steps in the cupcakes' creation. *Sing to the tune of "On Top of Old Smoky."*



1

On top of a cupcake
Is where you pour slime.
Here are the directions.
They don't take too much
time.



2

Spread warm melt-y chocolate
On top of each treat.
This little addition
Will make them real sweet.



3

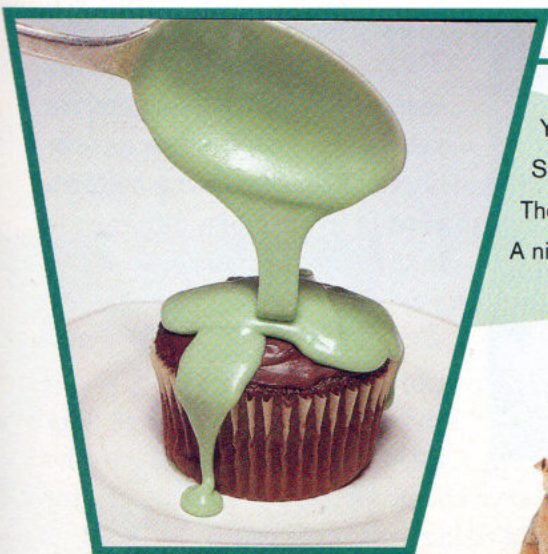


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5

Then stir up the topping.
And drip in the green.
Now mix it together.
For cupcakes supreme.



6

You're ready for slime-ing,
So get a big spoon.
Then gather to sing out
A nice birthday tune.



This is a
half-baked idea.



7





AS MY STOMACH



Imagine getting to ride a roller coaster over and over again, without having to wait in line.

ROBIN SAYERS got to—until she just couldn't take it anymore. We challenged her to ride a roller coaster called the Demon as many times as she could. The Demon is at Paramount's Great America in Santa Clara, California, and includes two loop-the-loops and a two-twist corkscrew. Do you think you could have taken more spins than Robin? Read about her dizzying day and see for yourself.

Before Trip 1: What kind of harebrained idea is this? What have I agreed to? No one told me the Demon flips upside down four times. I am nervous.

Trip 1: My throat is already sore from screaming. Still, I think I'll be able to handle this. It's *fun*.

Trip 2: It's definitely going to be a bad hair day. I wonder if I'll get bored of being turned on my head, of shrieking riders, or of the way the Demon spits at me when we ride into its mouth.

Trip 6: I could do this forever. They'll have to drag me off this ride.

Trip 8: This is a piece of cake. How hard could it be to become an astronaut?

Trip 12: I am no longer screaming when I flip upside down. That may be because I've lost my voice from yelling so much. Anyway, I'm not scared anymore—just really, really hyper.

Trip 15: I am finally feeling sick. But I'm hungry.



Trip 16: I eat a hot dog in my seat, while other passengers are getting on. People stare, probably thinking that eating before a ride is even more dangerous than riding over and over again.

Trip 17: I do the loop-the-loops, and go 'round and 'round the corkscrew without any threat of regurgitation. As the

person behind says about me, "She's no puke-meister or else she would've hurled after that hot dog."



TURNS



Trip 21: It's becoming obvious to me that I can stay on this roller coaster forever. If bats can sleep upside-down, so can I.

Trip 22: By now I am used to the speech the ride operator gives each time: "Ladies and gentleman, in car number two we have a special guest from NICKELODEON MAGAZINE! Robin has promised to ride the Demon until she no longer can." I feel like a real star.



Trip 24: It seems I've worn out my welcome. Now she says, "Ladies and gentlemen, the person from Nickelodeon says she is not feeling sick yet, and she will not leave until she *gets* sick. So, if you're waiting for car number two, you're gonna have to wait longer. Thank you." Well, it's true—I don't feel sick.



Trip 33: In a moment of dizziness, I figure out I have been flipped upside-down 132 times today. People are beginning to look like they're moving, even when they're standing still. I could go on forever, but I feel sorry for all those people waiting in line. Well-meaning park officials escort me off the ride. But I've beaten the Demon, not once, but 33 times!



Coming down to Earth: I spend the rest of the day going on other rides and eating. But I wake up the next day feeling a little, well, queasy. And I have to wonder—was it the 33 rides on the roller coaster? Or was it the hot dog, the two corn dogs, the three egg rolls, the churros, the lemon slush, the jaw-breaker, the chocolate, and the cotton candy? Thinking about it is enough to make my head spin.

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The history of the roller coaster
is full of ups and downs.

Here are some
highlights... 

ON THE FAST TRACK

Ice Scream

The first roller-coaster-type ride was built in St. Petersburg, Russia, about 500 years ago. It was called an "ice slide" and consisted of a 70-foot-high wooden frame with snow piled on it. The snow was packed down and watered. When the water froze, it created a slippery surface. People rode down the contraption by sitting on large blocks of ice.

Faster Than a Speeding Tortoise

LaMarcus Thompson built the first roller coaster in North America in 1884. It was located in Coney Island, New York, and chugged along at a leisurely six miles per hour. Still, it was a big hit. (Some roller coasters today can travel more than 80 miles per hour.)

Scared to Speak

A man from West Virginia lost his voice during World War II. For five and a half years he was unable to say a word. Then he rode the Coney Island Cyclone. When he got off, he said "I feel sick," and could speak from then on. Doctors believed it was the jolt of excitement that prompted the sudden return of his voice.

Hold on to Your Teeth!

The track of a roller coaster at England's Blackpool Pleasure Beach runs over a large lake. Last year, the water was emptied from the lake for maintenance reasons, and workers found coins, clothing, wigs, false teeth, and a glass eye.



Rockin' and Rollin', Zippin' and Pippin

The Zippin' Pippin, (at left) at Libertyland in Memphis, Tennessee, is the oldest operating coaster in the country. It was Elvis Presley's favorite coaster. He would rent out the entire park so that he, and his family and friends, could enjoy the ride without being pestered by fans.



Honey, What's That Racket?

There is a house underneath the Thunderbolt roller coaster in Coney Island, New York (above). Originally built as a hotel, it had three stories until the Thunderbolt was built in the 1920s. Then the top floor was torn off, and steel support beams were run through it. The house has had a number of tenants up until the 1980s, even after the coaster stopped running. The new owner plans to build an amusement park on the property. Until he raises all the money, he's leaving the house alone.

I Now Pronounce You Husband and Wiiiiiiiiiiiiiii...!

Reverend Cliff Herring (below) performs roller coaster weddings. His first was in 1985, when he officiated at the marriage of Jerry and Debi Keck. The bride and groom sat in the front car, the reverend was in the second car, and the guests filled the rest. The ceremony took place when the coaster was stopped at the top of the first hill. After the bride and groom kissed, the coaster took off and the wedding party finished the ride.

—Robin Sayers



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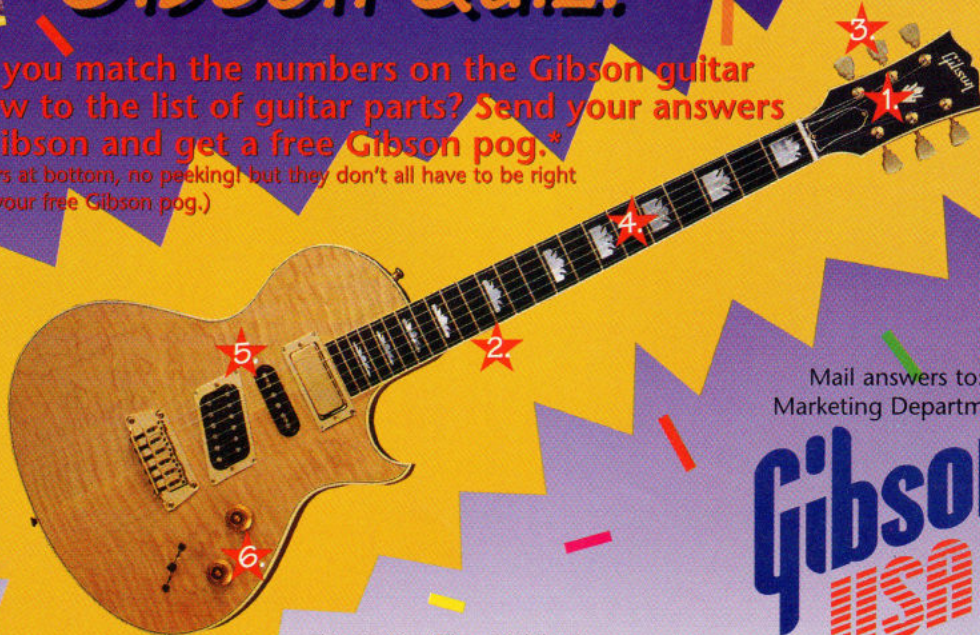
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Circle one answer for each question.

1

"All hands on deck!" means:

- a. Let's build a new patio.
- b. The crew has to play cards.
- c. It's time for everyone to do handstands.
- d. Report to the captain.



2

If the captain tells you to "drop anchor," you should:

- a. Drop what you're doing.
- b. Throw Peter Jennings overboard.
- c. Lower the ship's anchor.
- d. Go on a diet.



3

You are told to walk the plank. This means:

- a. It's your turn to take the ship's pet plankton for a walk.
- b. You have to jump off the ship.
- c. You must do a yo-yo trick.
- d. You should do a silly walk.



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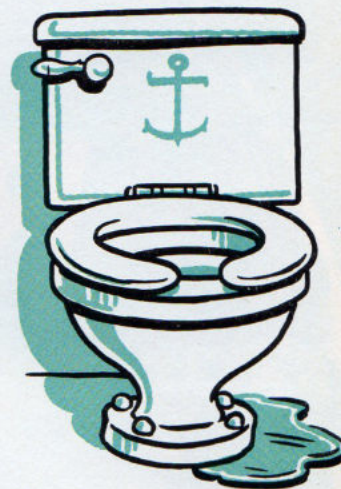
If someone yells "Ship ahoy!" it means:

- a. There are free cookies in the area.
- b. The ship needs immediate hoying.
- c. Another ship is sighted.
- d. The boat needs to be turned around.

5

A "dinghy" is:

- a. A sailor making his or her first voyage.
- b. A small rowboat.
- c. A boat's bathroom.
- d. The bell the cook rings to call people to eat.



6

What is the last line of this traditional sailor's saying?

*"Red sky at night,
Sailor's delight.
Red sky at morn..."*

- a. For lunch, we have corn.
- b. Our sail, it is torn!
- c. Every rose has its thorn.
- d. Sailor take warn.



7

A "galley" is:

- a. The kitchen of a ship.
- b. What a male sailor calls his girlfriend.
- c. Where female sailors sleep.
- d. Where the captain hangs his paintings.



Hey, captain, are those watercolors?



8

Which of the following is a kind of small sailboat?

- a. Jiblet
- b. Sunfish
- c. Tagsail
- d. Sandcrab

9

A "sea shanty" is:

- a. An old lighthouse.
- b. A facial wart caused by too much wind exposure.
- c. A refreshing beverage enjoyed by sailors.
- d. A rousing nautical song.

10

A "barnacle" is:

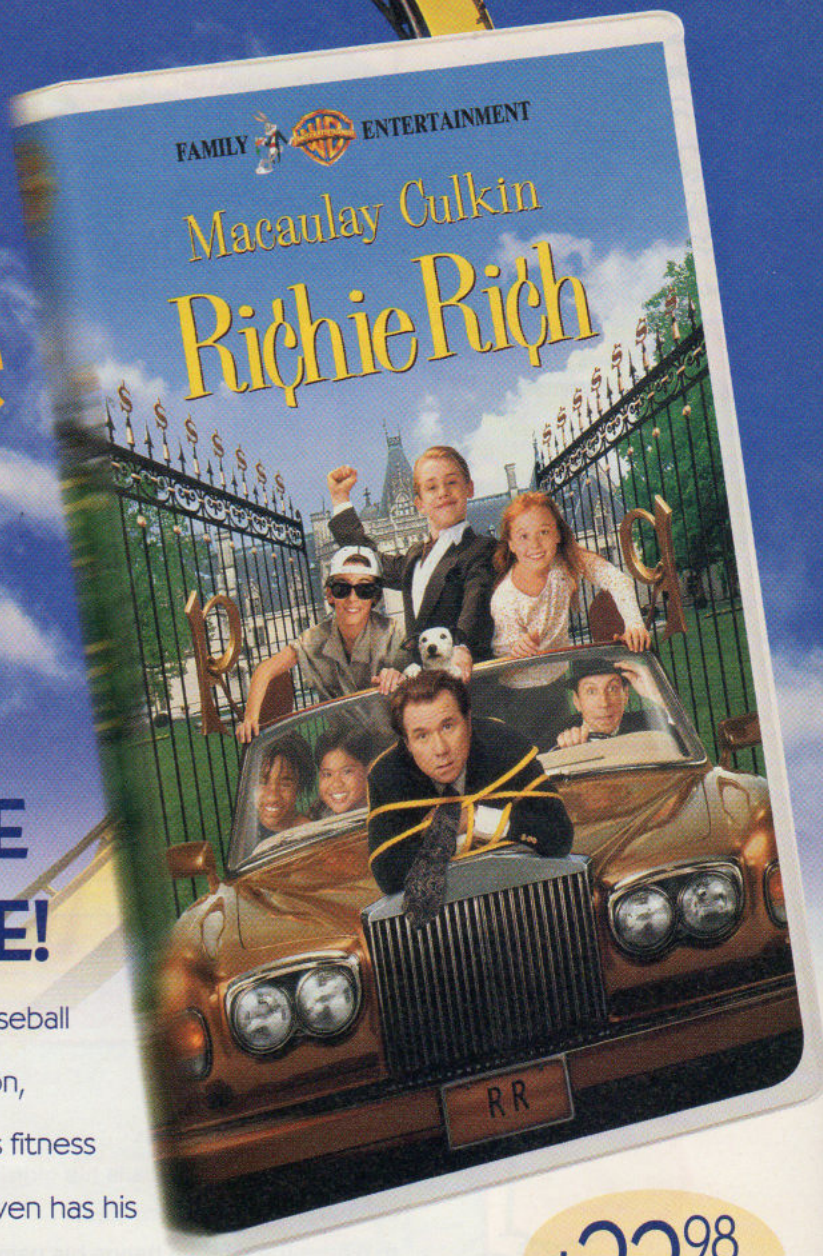
- a. A tall tale told by a sailor.
- b. Where the animals are kept on a ship.
- c. A crustacean that clings to rocks and floating objects in the sea.
- d. A nose-hair remover for sailors.

Answers on page 69.



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UNDER THE BOARDWALK

As told to María D. Rosado



Hello, again. I'm Edgar, the custodian at Usher Middle School. While school's out, I run the fun house here at Poe's Playland Pier. I love seeing all you kiddies having a blast in the Rolling Barrel and the Tunnel of Laughs. But it's a shame how many of you seem to get lost in the Mirror

Maze—forever! Well, I was going to tell you three scary stories, but a gust of wind from a passing roller coaster mixed up the pages. Can you help me put them back in order? Pick a **beginning**, a **middle**, and an **ending** to make up a story. There are 27 possible combinations. Try to figure out what the three original stories were.

(Answers on page 69.)

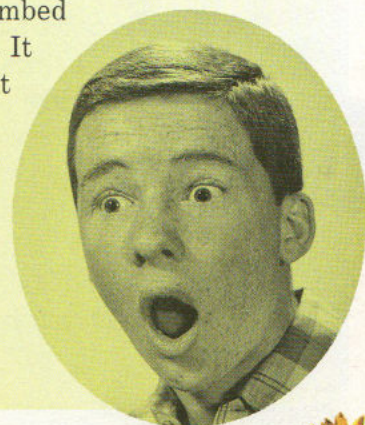


Beginnings

A

School was out and all Ted and Jess could think about was the beach and the boardwalk. Weird rumors were spreading—stories about demons, sea monsters, and escaped lunatics with wild white hair. But nothing could keep them from going on their favorite ride, the Whip—not even the story the ticket taker told them about the sand demon who haunted the boardwalk. “Years ago,” he said, “some kids buried a guy in the sand. They ran off and left him buried up to his neck. The tide rushed in and he was never seen again—alive. Today, his ghost seeks revenge on

kids.” The ticket taker, a weird guy in a baseball cap, added that other gruesome things lurked beneath the boardwalk. Jess and Ted were spooked, but wanted one last spin on the Whip. They climbed aboard the empty ride. It had just made its first fast spin when Ted felt someone staring at him. He turned and his eyes widened in fear...





Beginnings

B

Jess and Ted walked the pier, surprised to see that the rides and boardwalk were nearly deserted. They stopped a kid to ask where everyone was. "Haven't you heard?" he said. "There's something out there." He pointed at the ocean, and warned them that the boardwalk wasn't safe at night. Ted and Jess just laughed. They'd heard all the stories about sea creatures, a sand demon, and a crazed white-haired fun house operator who'd escaped from the local loony bin, but it would have taken more than that to keep them away from their favorite ride, the Whip. Just then a deep growl rumbled over the sea. "Uh-oh, thunder," said Ted. "Better hurry and get on the Whip before they shut down the rides." Ted and Jess were in such a rush, they didn't notice the weird look in the eyes of the guy running the Whip. They hopped on and the ride began—even though they were the only ones on it. Suddenly, screams rose from all along the boardwalk. The kids thought it was just people having fun on other rides. Then the Whip spun them around and they saw the real reason for the screaming...



C

One night, Ted and Jess decided to ride all the scariest rides on the boardwalk. It was easy, because for some reason there were no lines. When they ran into a lone kid, they found out why. "See those wanted posters for the escaped psycho?" the kid asked. "He worked in the fun house but went crazy after he got lost in the Hall of Mirrors. Now he likes to scare kids until their hair turns white like his." Ted and Jess stared at the kid. *Her* hair was white. "I didn't run fast enough," she said. She told them that the psycho could conjure up a creepy sand demon and a huge sea monster—and seeing either would frighten you silly. Despite her tale, Ted and Jess decided to take one final turn on the Whip. Jess didn't like how the ticket taker smiled at them from under the brim of his large baseball cap, but got on anyway. No one else was on the ride, but Ted and Jess didn't sense anything was terribly wrong—until the Whip made its first spin. That's when Jess saw something behind them. "Ted!" she screamed in terror. "Look!"...

Middles

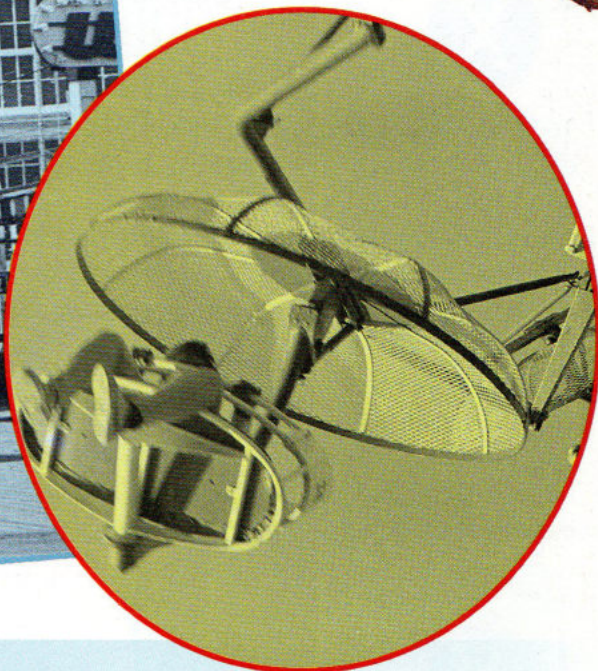


I don't give in to pier pressure.

1

...Ted knew then they were in really big trouble. The ticket taker had whipped off his baseball hat and revealed a head of wild white hair. Only one guy had hair like that—the escaped psycho. And he was at the controls! Laughing wildly, the psycho howled, "Wanna see the sand demon?" Ted and Jess screamed. "Wanna see the sea beast?" More screams. "No? You just want to ride, huh?" Panicked, Ted and Jess said nothing. That was a mistake. "Maybe you just wanna go...*faster!*" Jess and Ted hollered, "No!" but it was too late. The

psycho cranked the ride up a notch, then another and another. Ted and Jess were spinning out of control when the ride came to a sudden, screeching halt. "Your little ride's not over yet," the psycho yelled. "Now you're gonna go...*backward!*" Before Ted and Jess could wriggle under the safety bar, the ride began flying backward. "Is your hair white yet? No?" the psycho asked. Suddenly, the safety bar snapped open and Ted and Jess were flung out of the car into the air...



2

...Sitting in the car behind Ted and Jess was someone who hadn't been there a moment ago. He seemed to be carved from sand. They knew instantly who—or what—it was: the sand demon! As he reached out with gritty, seaweed-y hands he hissed, "Come with me below the sand." Struggling to get away, Ted and Jess squeezed under the safety bar and leapt to the car in front of theirs. The demon crawled after them. They hopped to the next car. The demon followed. But one of his legs got stuck between cars. Ted and Jess watched in horror as

the leg dissolved like sand and blew away, freeing the demon. Then a new leg oozed forth. And there were no more cars to leap to. Ted and Jess were trapped! They started to scream, and the operator slowed the ride enough so they could jump down. But as they did, two hands came from behind and grabbed them. One sandy claw tore free and clung to Jess. Ted ripped it off and it dissolved, but the demon was still in hot pursuit. He chased them to the edge of the pier—a dead end. Ted and Jess had no choice. Eyes shut, they leapt...

3

...“Aaaaaagggggh,” Ted bawled in panic. Jess couldn't speak at all after she saw the enormous figure looming over the side of the pier. While they spun and whirled on the ride, Jess and Ted caught frightening glimpses of a huge head with gleaming reptilian eyes and fangs the size of pick axes. The beast was so big, a stranded octopus was flopping on the top of its horny head. The kids howled to be let off, and the ticket taker flipped off the power before running away. Trapped until the ride slowed down, Ted and Jess watched in horror as a gigantic

tail snaked out of the water and flicked the octopus from the monster's head. As the octopus flew through the air, a forked tongue shot out, caught it and dragged the poor creature into the monster's slobbering mouth. Ted and Jess didn't wait to see more. While the ride was still slowing down, they wrenched up the safety bar and scrambled out of the car. That's when the monster turned its head in their direction. Seeing Ted and Jess, the beast flicked its thick tail at them. Suddenly they were in the air, sailing over the edge of the pier...

X

Endings

Ted and Jess felt themselves falling. With a splash, they landed in the ocean. Spluttering, they waded to shore. Suddenly, the sand erupted and a man-like shape began to form. The sand demon! It wrapped a sandy arm around Ted and began dragging him down. Jess hurled a beach bucket at the demon, but nothing could stop it: Already Ted was half-buried in sand. Then Jess got an idea. She grabbed the bucket and a big conch shell, filled both with water, and dumped the water all over the sand demon, who now had Ted buried up to the neck. With a gurgling howl, the demon turned into a lump of wet sand. Jess dug Ted out, and together they kicked the sand demon to pieces, watching him wash out with the tide. Running away, Jess held the shell to her ear. Instead of the sea, she heard a voice whisper, "See you next year."

THE END

Y

...Ted and Jess hit the sand running. It looked like they had escaped. But suddenly, the sea surged and a giant head surfaced. The massive sea creature lunged toward the kids, snapping its fangs first at one, then at the other, missing both by inches. Then something caught the beast's eye. Ted was horrified to see Jess hopping on the sand in front of a barrel, waving her hands to attract the beast. The monster attacked, mouth opened wide to swallow Jess. At the last second Jess ducked, and the creature gulped down the barrel instead. Its eyes bulged. It gave a loud, long burp. Green slime burst out of its nose, and with a terrible cry it sank out of sight. "What was *in* there?" Ted asked. "Toxic waste," Jess smirked. Ted laughed in relief, but then he noticed an eerie green glow surrounding his friend.

THE END

Z

...Luckily for Ted and Jess, the Motor Racer ride was nearby. They landed on a pile of tires. While they lay there, stunned, they heard kids yelling. Looking up, they saw a man by the entrance. It was the psycho, and he was headed for them! "Come on," Ted shouted, pointing to a nearby bumper car. They leapt in and took off. The psycho jumped into another car and sped after them. "I'm gonna send you out to meet the sea demon!" he shrieked, ramming them. Jess clipped on their seat belts while the two cars roared around the track. Skidding around a corner, Ted jerked the wheel right, smashing the psycho's car. The psycho hadn't fastened his seat belt. Ted and Jess watched as he was thrown out over the railing and into the sea. They heard a splash. Jess sighed in relief, as Ted pretended not to hear an eerie laugh echoing over the sea.

THE END

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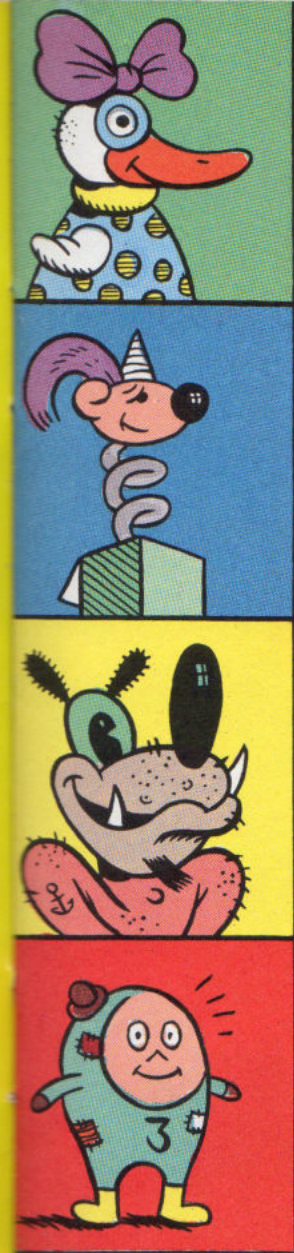
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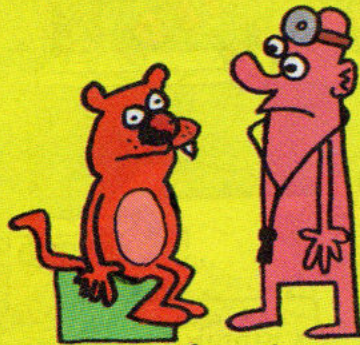
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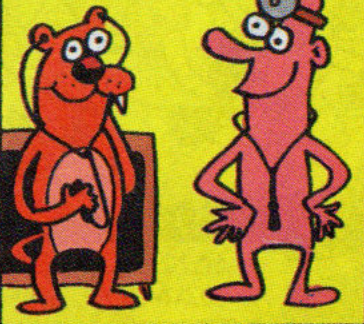
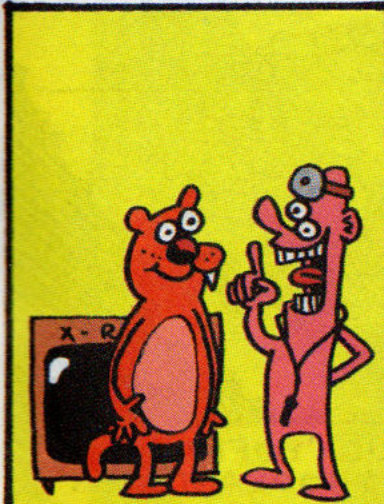
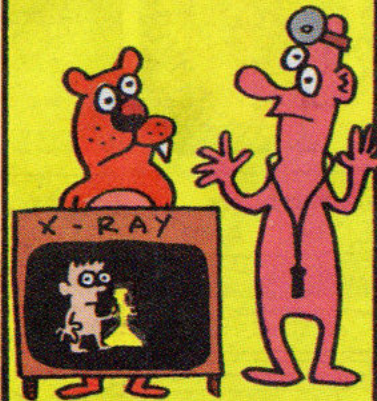
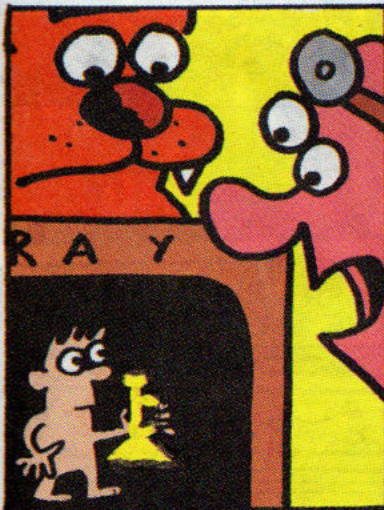
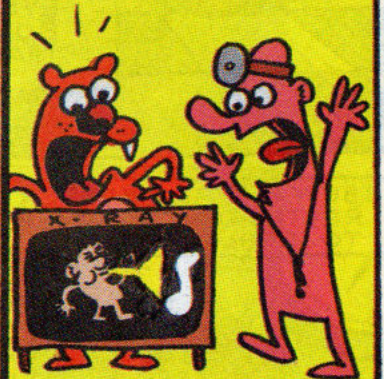
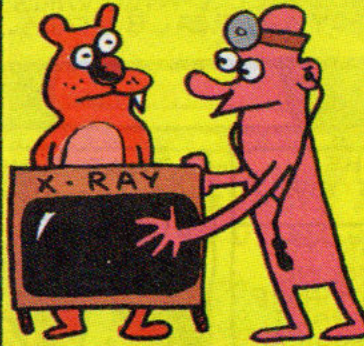
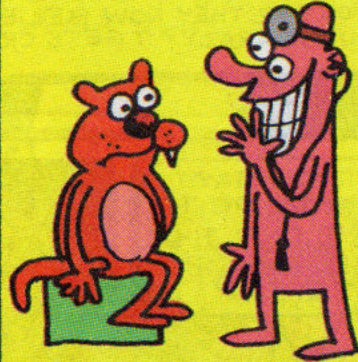
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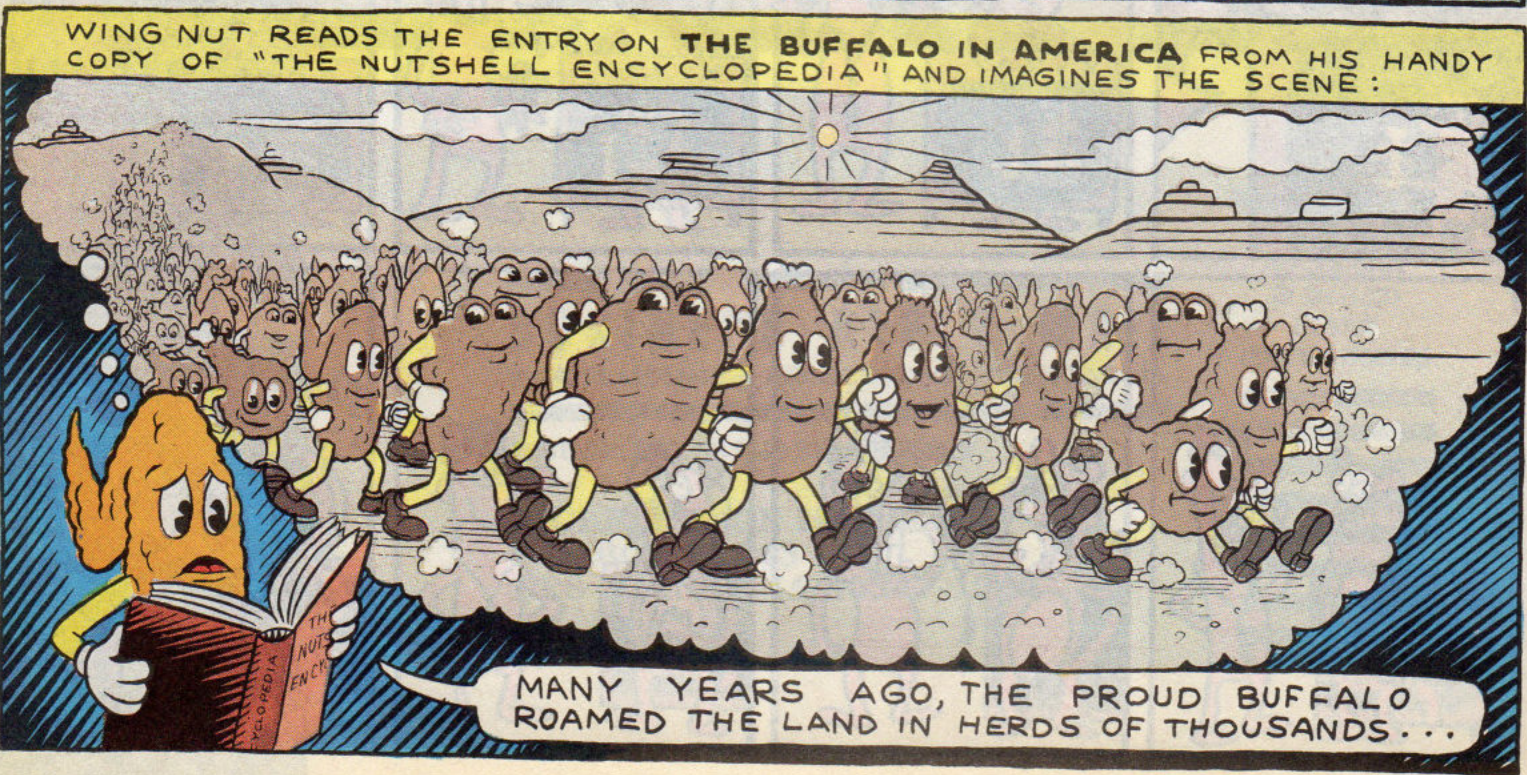
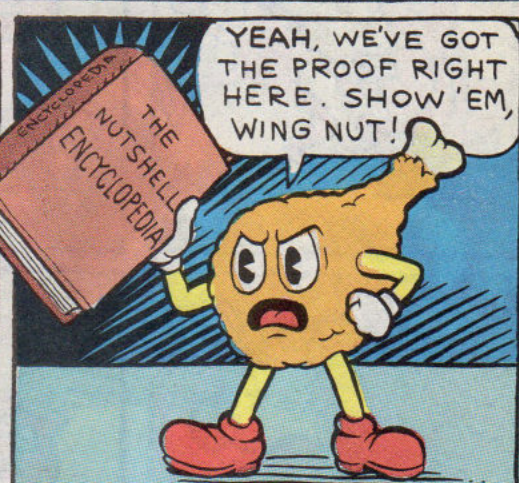
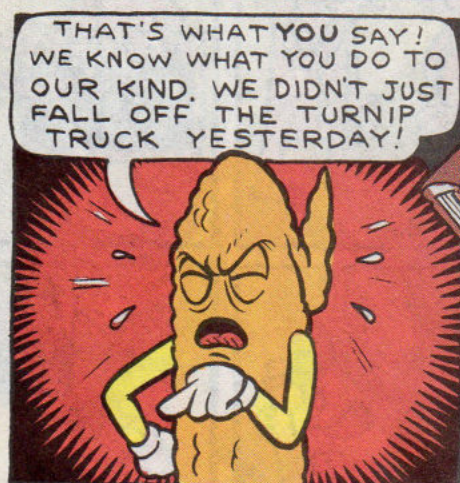
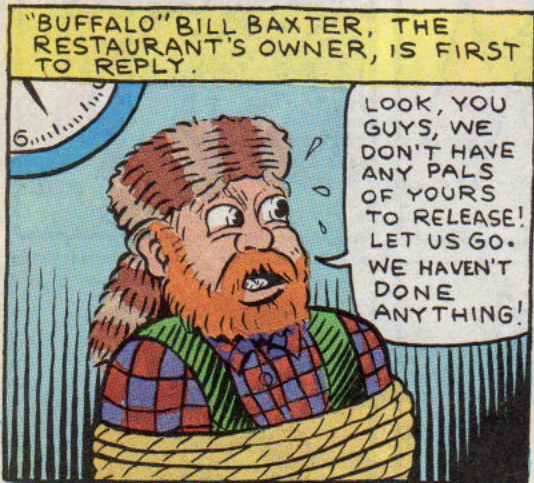
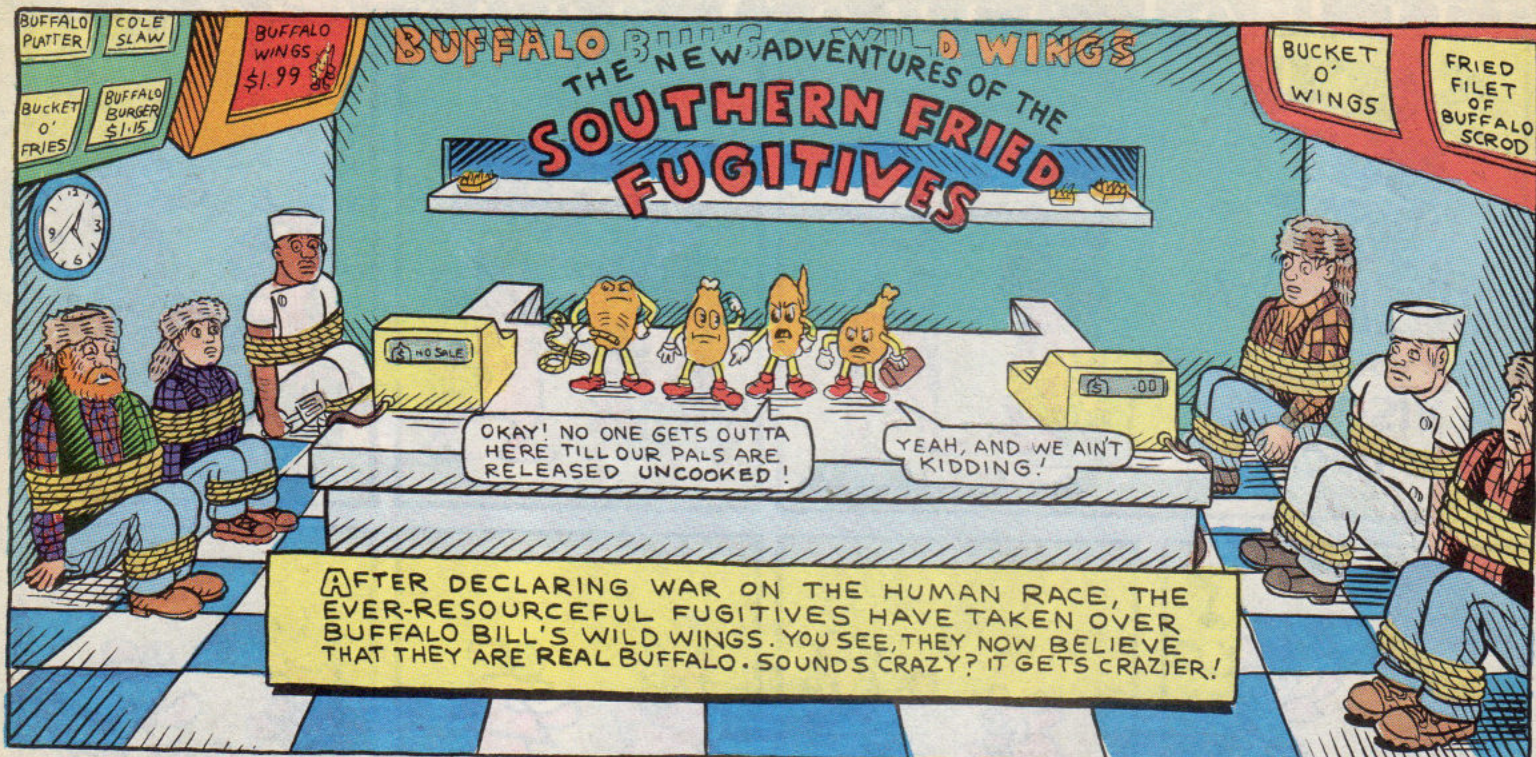


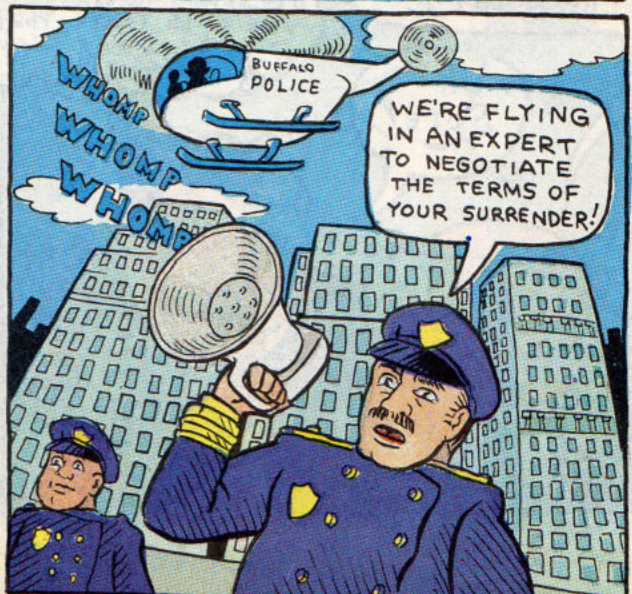
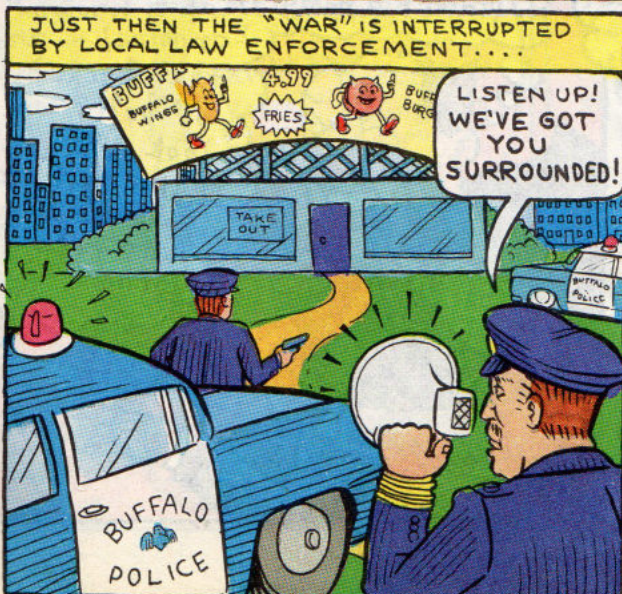
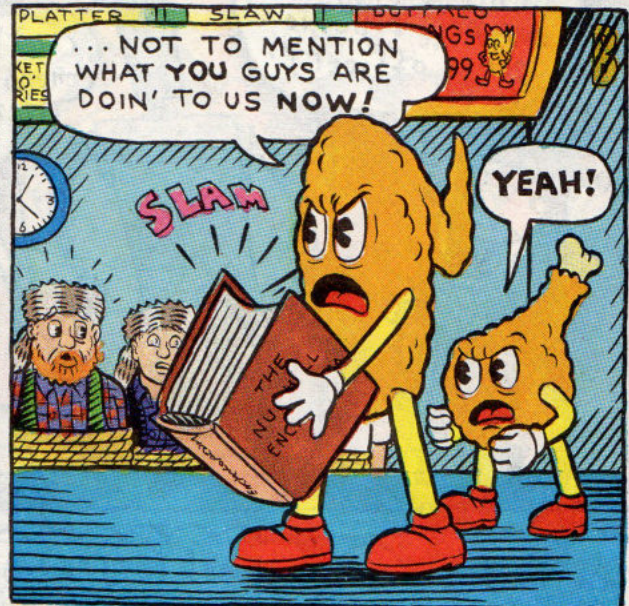
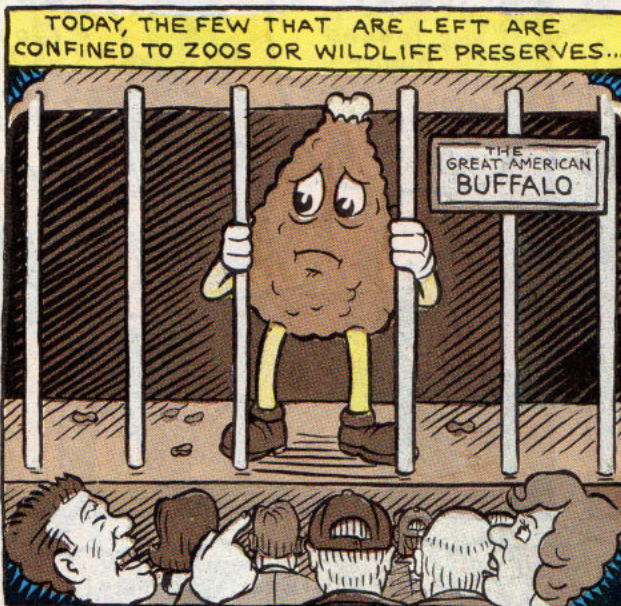
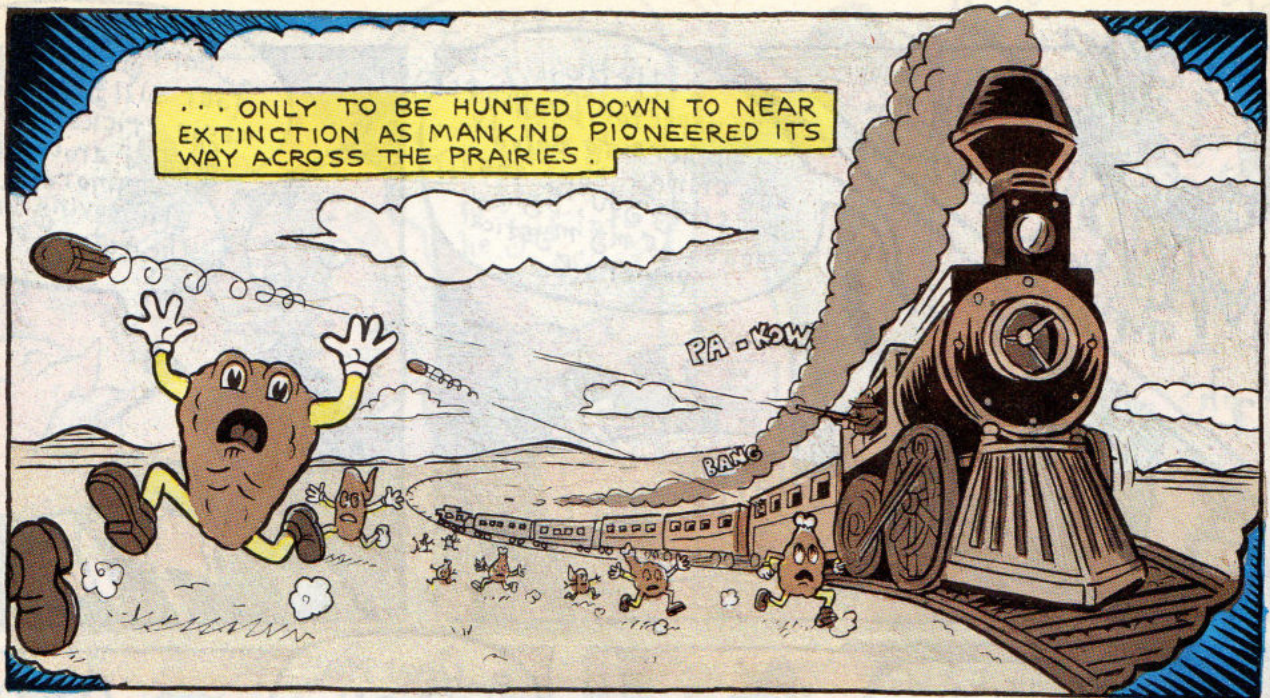
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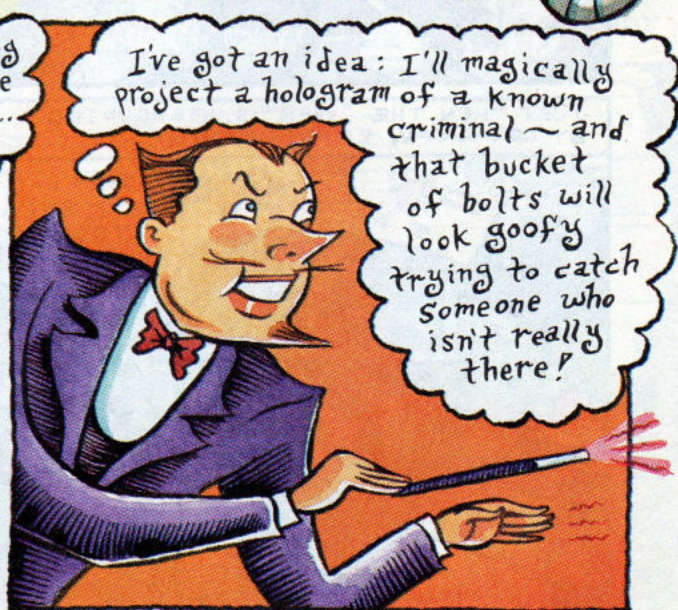
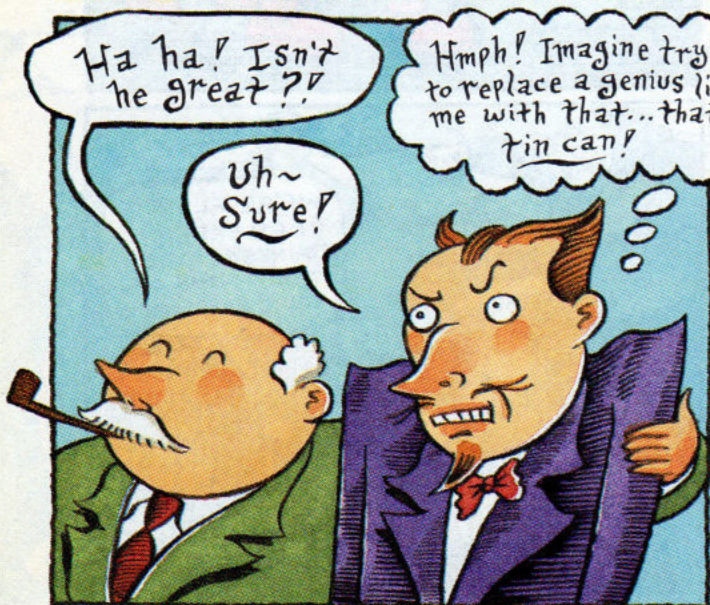
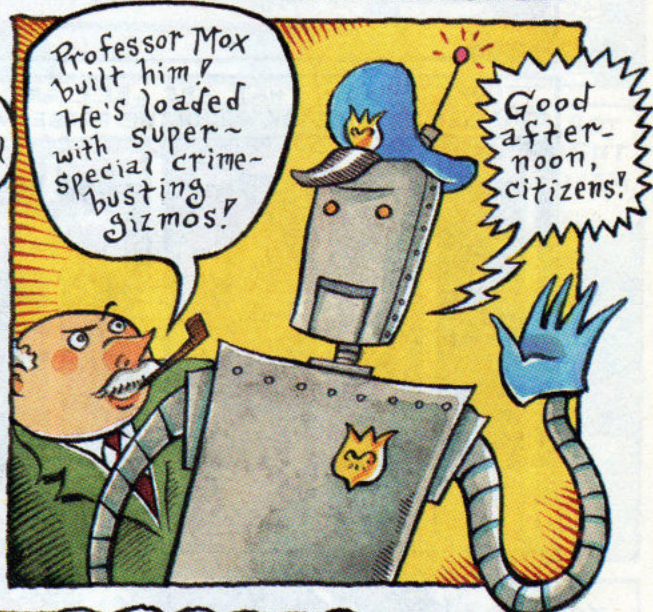
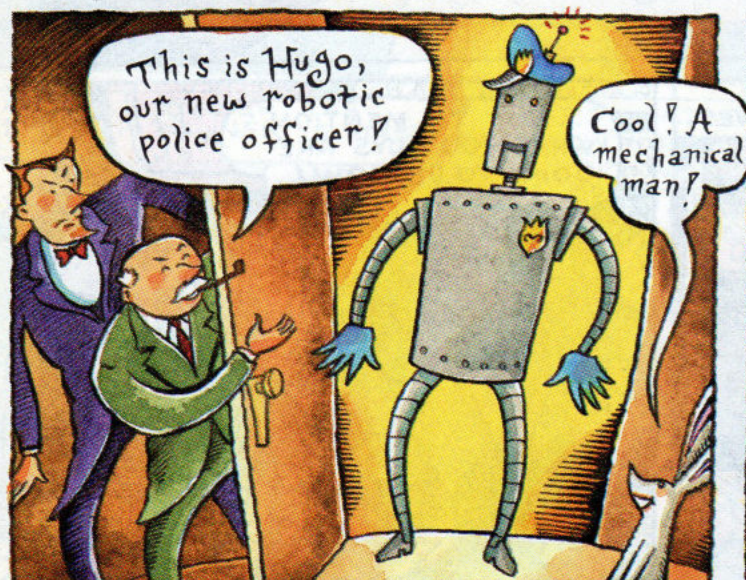
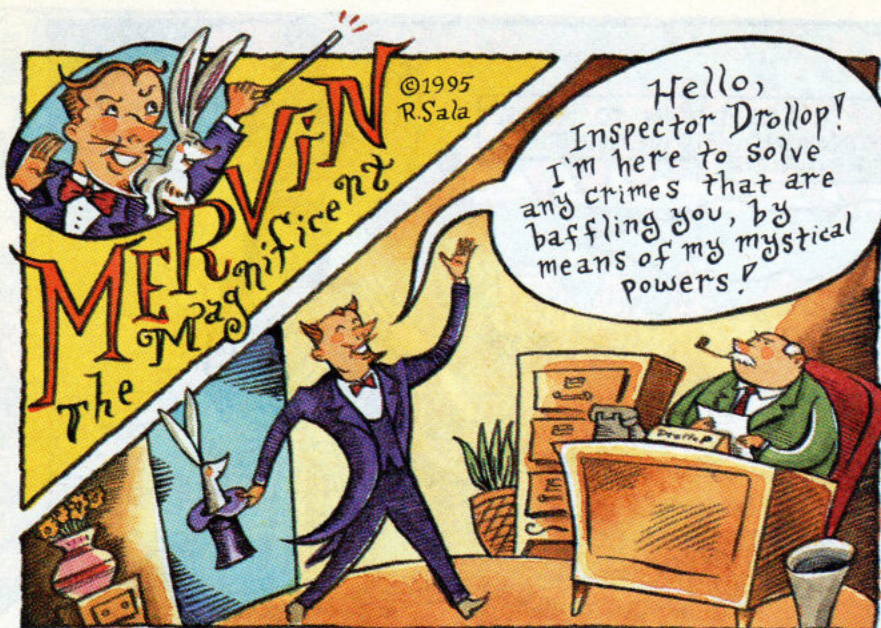
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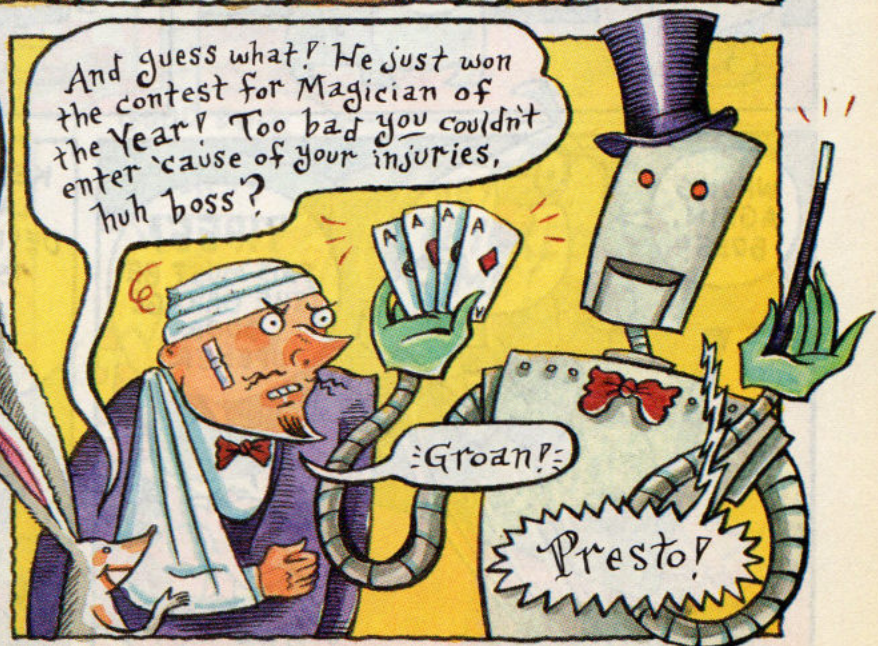
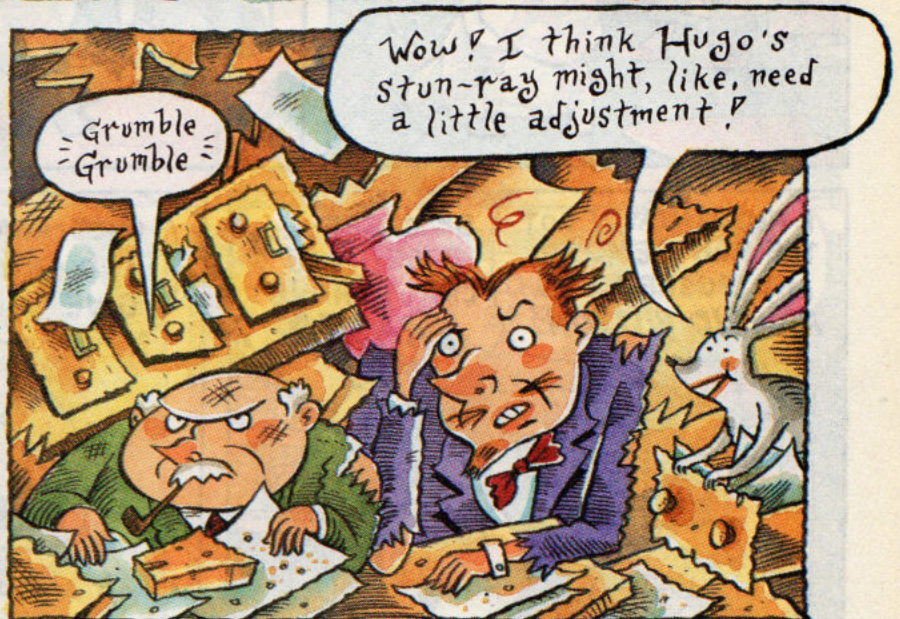
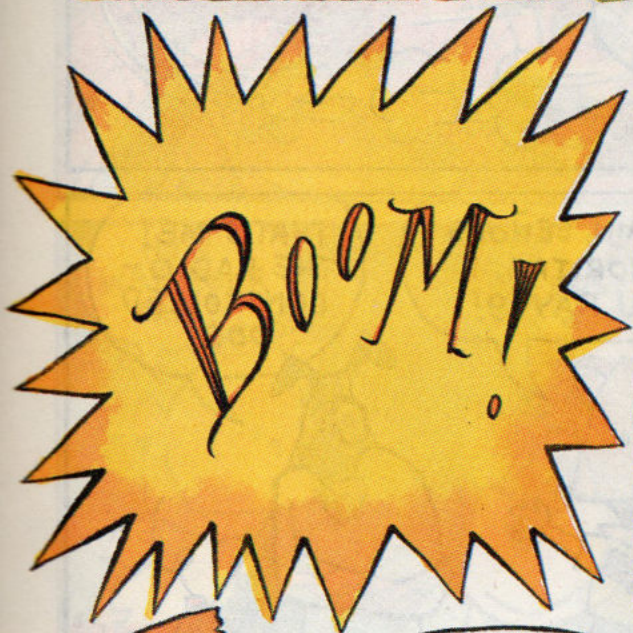
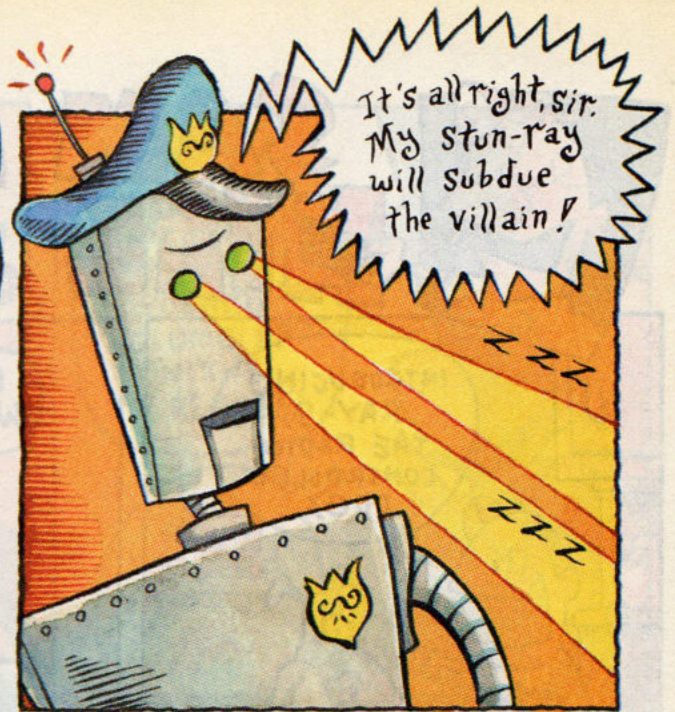
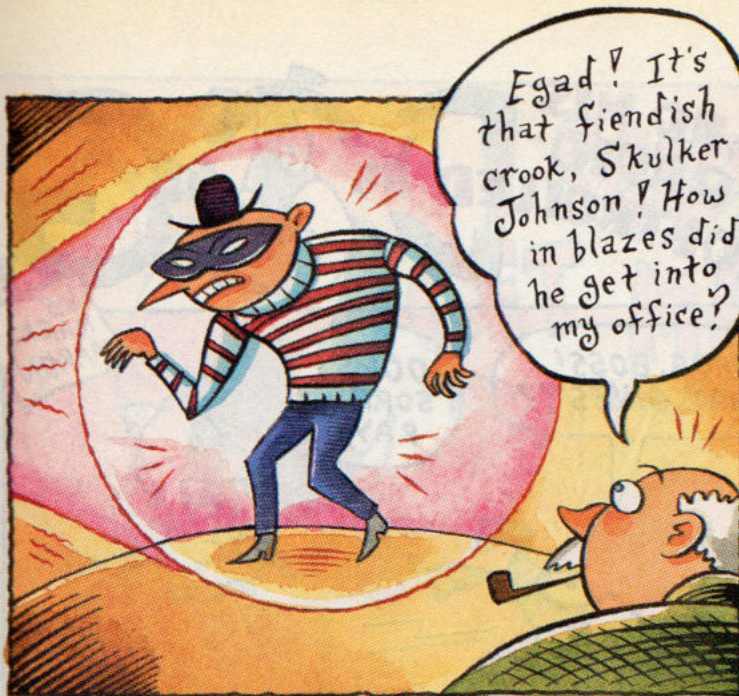






UH OH! LOOKS LIKE THE BOYS ARE IN FOR IT NOW! AND WHO COULD THE MYSTERIOUS "EXPERT" BE? JOIN US NEXT TIME FOR THE SURPRISING ANSWER!

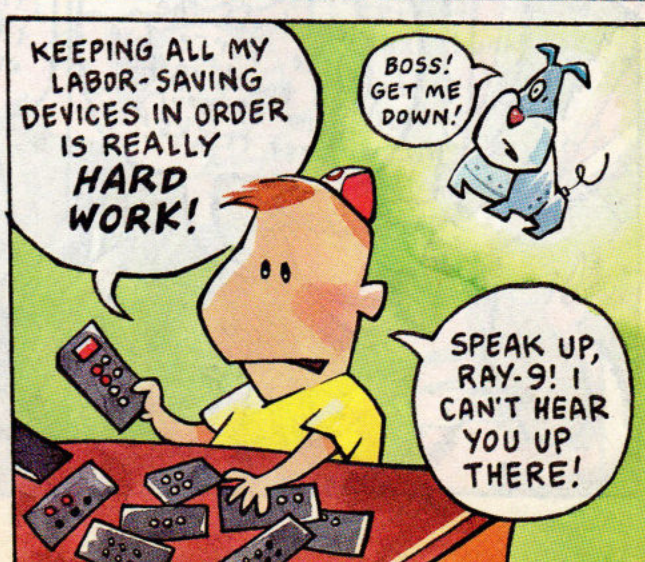
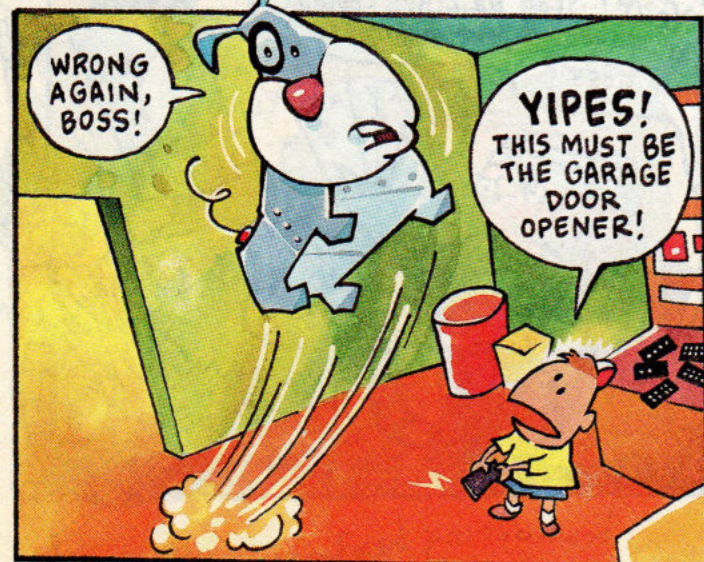
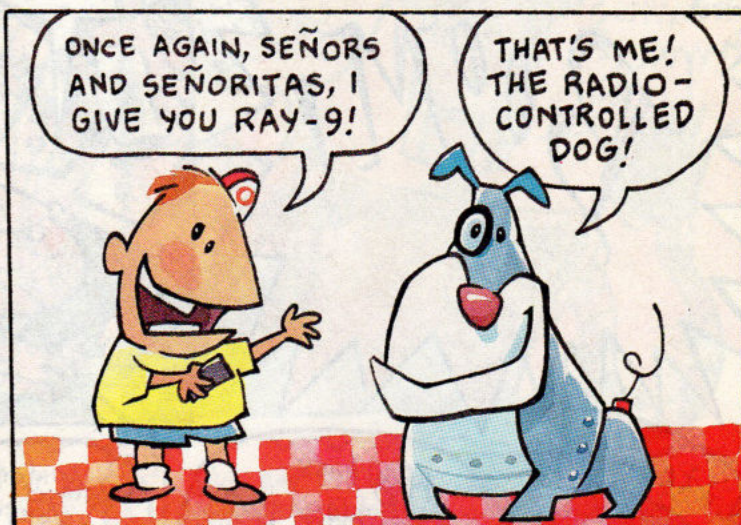
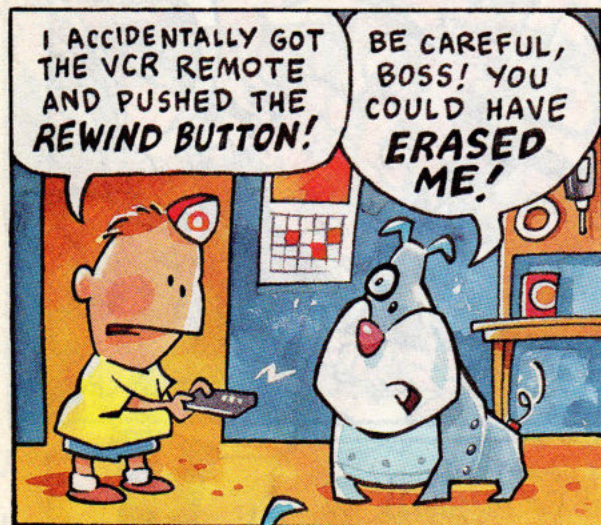
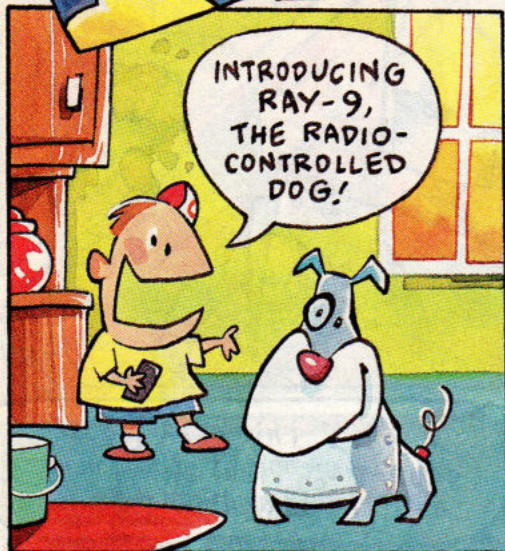


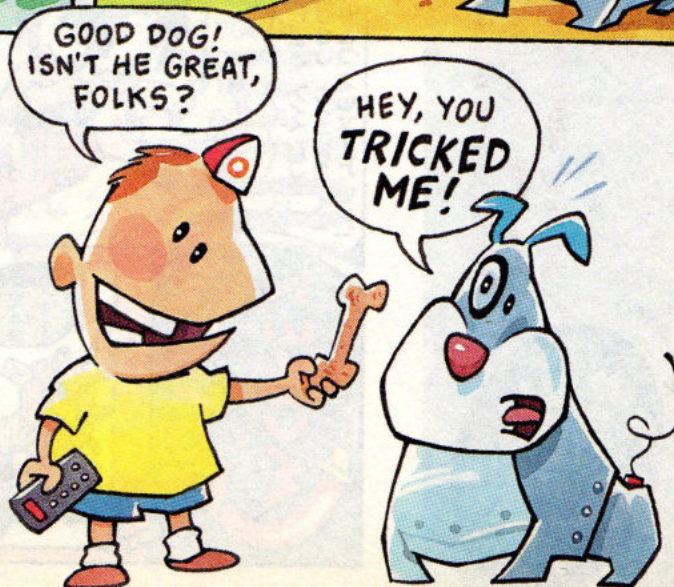
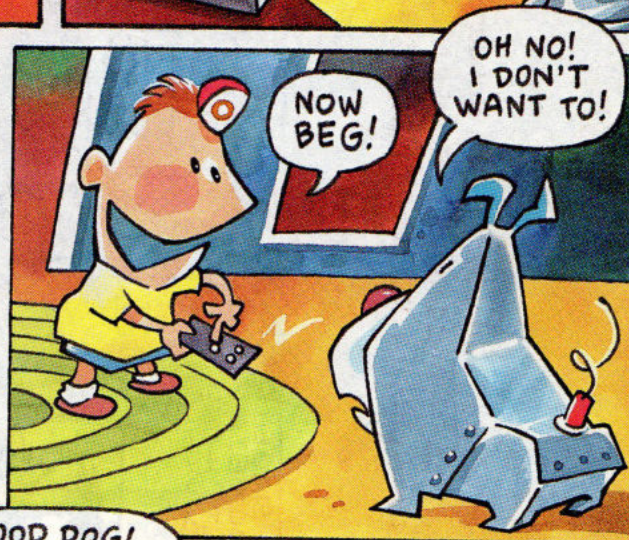
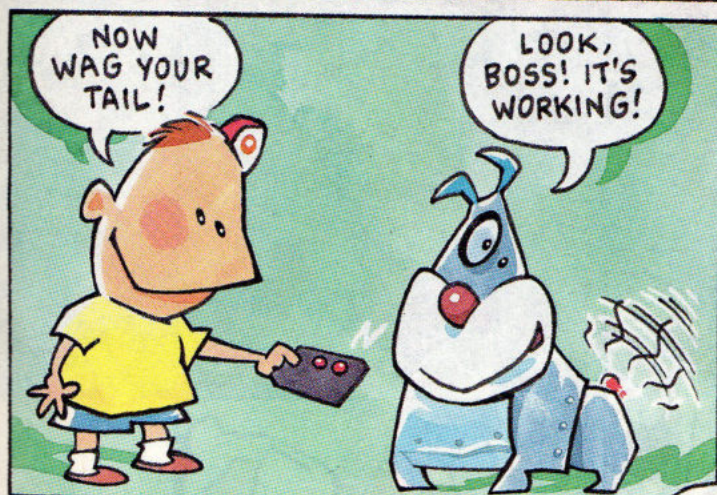
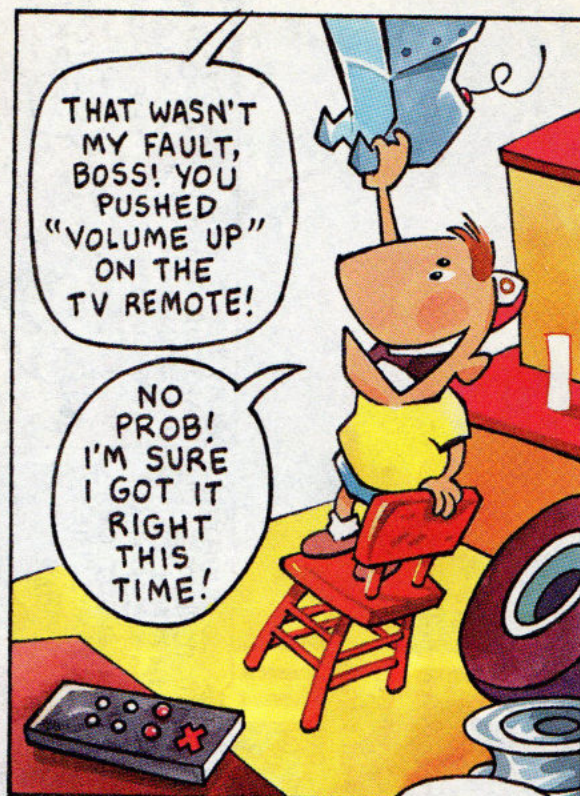
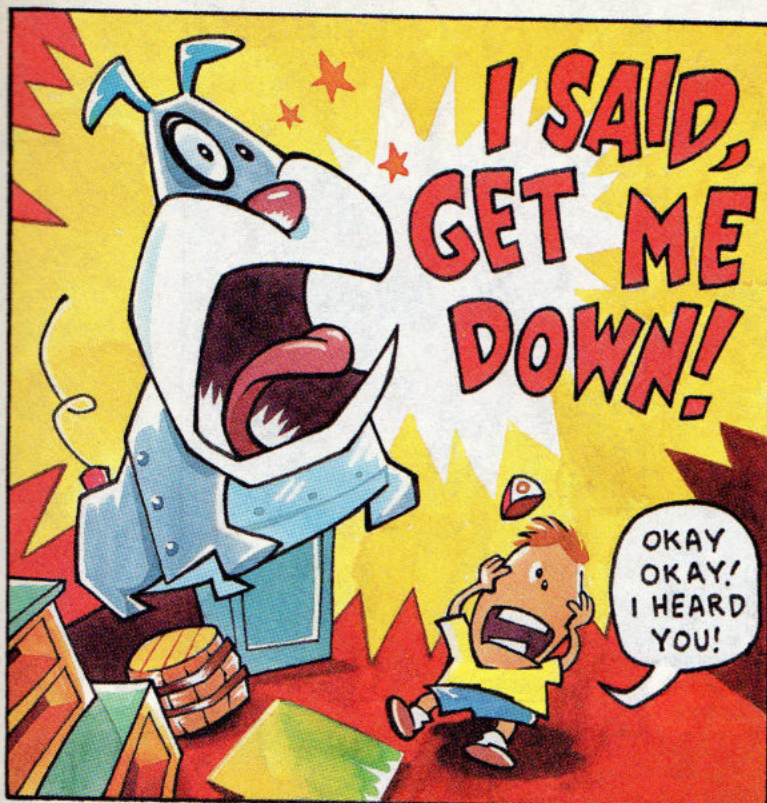


More bewildering bamboozlement to come!

SAM HILL AND HIS RADIO-CONTROLLED DOG

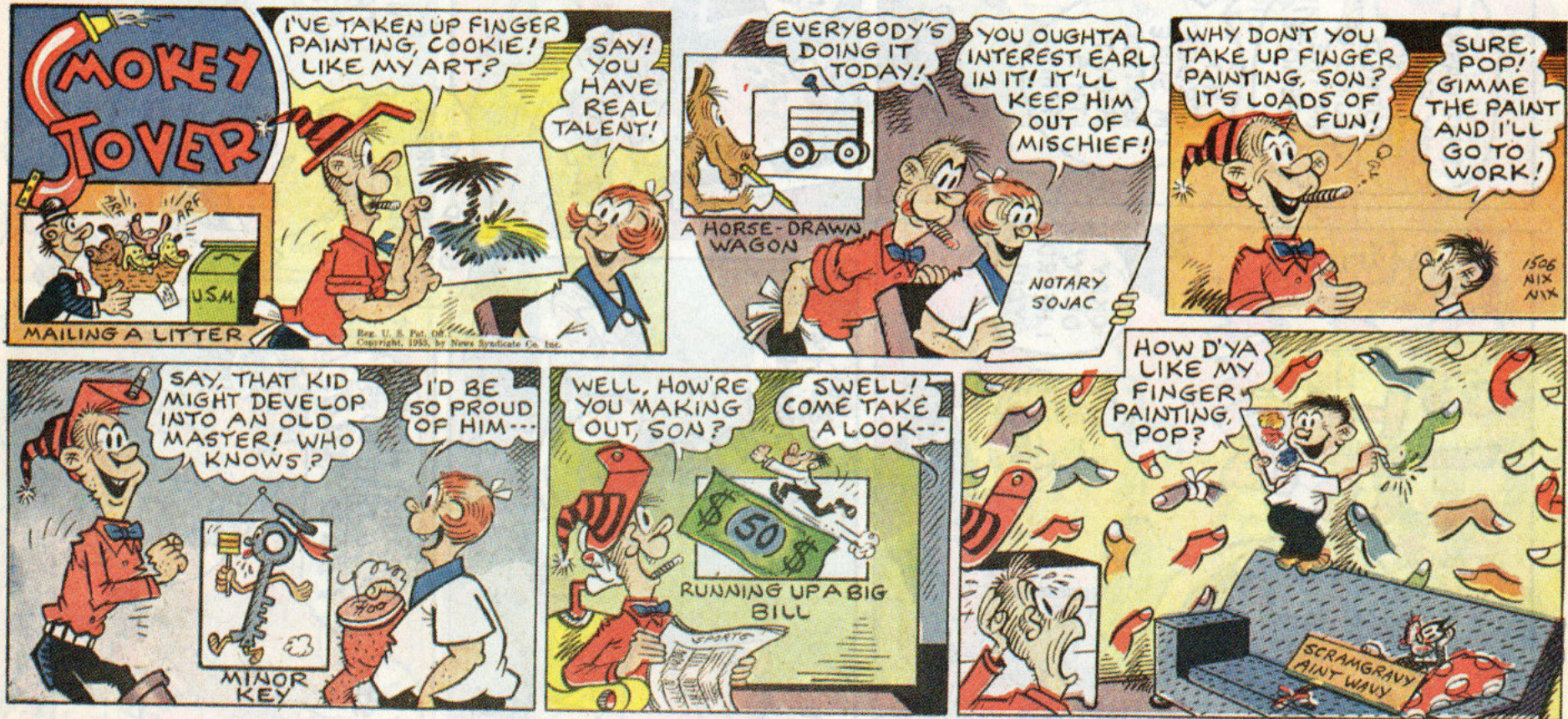
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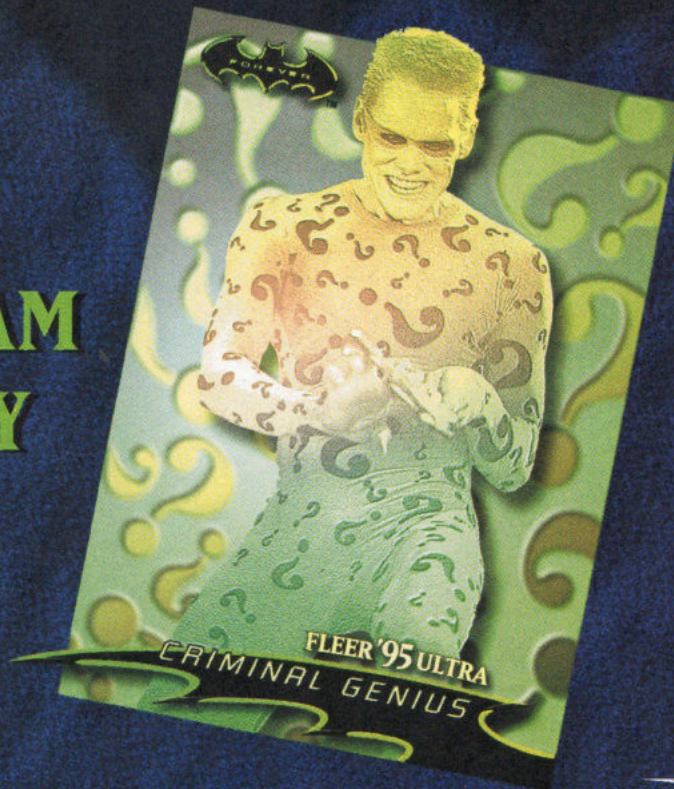
Smokey Stover was created and drawn by Bill Holman, whose childhood dream was to become a fireman. The strip, begun in 1935, starred firefighter Smokey Stover and his chief, Cash U. Nutt. Holman was famous for including nonsense phrases (like "Notary Sojac") and funny puns in his artwork.



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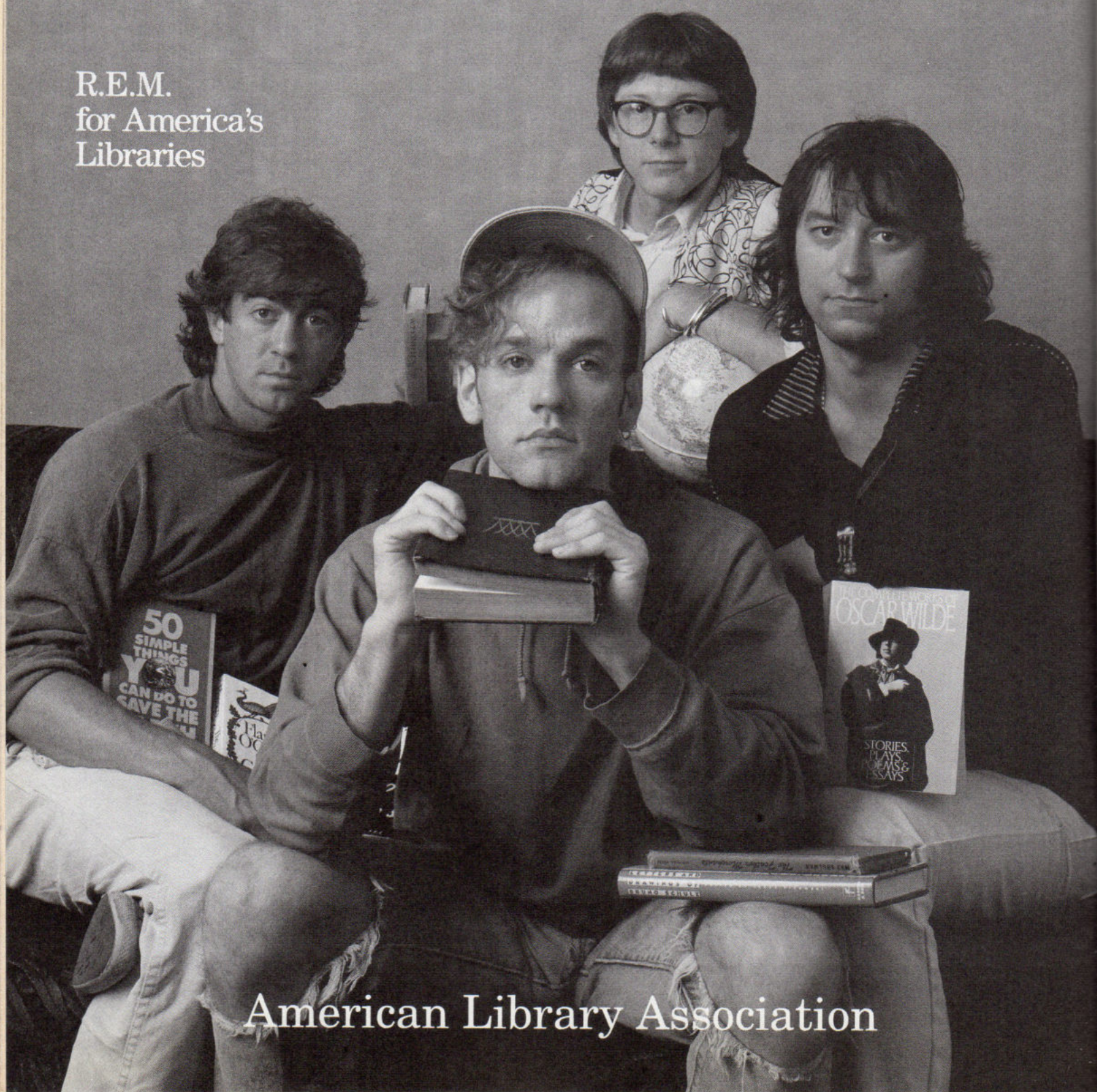


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JUNE

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 National Iced Tea Month <i>Put your T-shirt in the freezer.</i> 	2 It's Republic Day in Italy <i>Eat a bowl of pasta.</i>	3 The first American space walk, 1965 <i>Do the moonwalk.</i>
4 National Frozen Yogurt Day <i>Get cultured.</i>	5 First hot-air balloon flight, 1783 <i>Be full of hot air.</i> 	6 <i>Drive-In</i> Movies First drive-in movie theater opens, 1933 <i>Take a movie brake.</i>	7 The artist formerly known as Prince born, 1958 <i>The day formerly known as Wednesday.</i>	8 	9  <i>Nothing funny ever happens on this day</i> <i>Make something happen.</i>	10 It must be someone's birthday <i>Buy yourself a present.</i>
11 Jacques Cousteau born, 1910 <i>Take a dive.</i>	12  George Bush born, 1924 <i>Eat broccoli.</i>	13 <i>Doodle here.</i> 	14 Flag Day <i>Be a star and earn your stripes.</i> 	15 Wade Boggs born, 1958 <i>Go three for four.</i>	16  International Wizard of Oz Club convention begins in Illinois <i>Why not in Kansas?</i>	17 Iceland National Holiday <i>Make ice cubes.</i>
18  Father's Day <i>Learn to tie a necktie.</i>	19 First recorded baseball game played, 1846 <i>Go on strike.</i>	20 The day before summer begins in the Northern Hemisphere <i>Finish your spring cleaning.</i>	21 First day of winter in the Southern Hemisphere <i>Eat a snow cone.</i>	22 Zodiac sign Cancer begins <i>You can be crabby today.</i>	23 Second day of Cancer <i>Stop being so shellfish!</i>	24 First reported UFO sighting, 1947 <i>Clean all your saucers.</i>
25 Virginia becomes the 10th state, 1788 <i>Carry yourself back to Ole Virginny.</i>	26 United Nations Charter signed, 1945 <i>Establish world peace.</i>	27 Ross Perot born, 1930 <i>Change your mind.</i> 	28 <i>Buy nose plugs.</i> (see July 1)	29 Independence Day in Seychelles <i>Sell seashells.</i>	30 Independence Day in Zaire <i>Start all your words with the letter z today.</i> 	



JULY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 National Baked Bean Month begins <i>Put on your nose plugs.</i>
2 Halfway point of 1995  <i>Go halvesies on everything.</i>	3 Tom Cruise born, 1962 <i>Interview your favorite vampire.</i> 	4 "America the Beautiful" published, 1895 <i>Visit a fruited plain.</i>	5 P.T. Barnum born, 1810 <i>Turn your house into a three-ring circus.</i>	6 Sylvester Stallone born, 1946 <i>Be sly.</i> 	7 The day matches the month: 7-7 <i>Your lucky day?</i>	8 Ugly Truck Contest in Pelican Rapids, Minnesota <i>Where's the ugly pelican contest held?</i>
9 Tom Hanks born, 1956 <i>Have a box of chocolates.</i>	10 Wyoming becomes the 44th state, 1890 <i>Wyoming? Why not?</i>	11 John Quincy Adams born, 1767 <i>Follow in your dad's footsteps.</i>	12  Full moon <i>Have a howling good time.</i>	13 Harrison Ford born, 1942 <i>Raid a lost ark.</i>	14 Bastille Day in FRANCE <i>Eat French fries.</i>	15 Rembrandt born, 1606 <i>Go Dutch.</i>
16 National Ice Cream Day begins <i>Scream! Then melt.</i> 	17 David Hasselhoff born, 1952 <i>Save a life.</i>	18 John Glenn born, 1921 <i>Go into orbit.</i> 	19 Lizzie Borden born, 1860 <i>Don't even ax.</i>	20 Hot Dog Night in Luverne, Minnesota <i>Who cuts the mustard?</i> 	21 Robin Williams born, 1952 <i>Dress up like an old lady.</i> 	22 Rat Catchers Day <i>Don't try this at home.</i>
23 Zodiac sign Leo begins <i>Let out a roar.</i>	24 Amelia Earhart born, 1898 <i>Fly away.</i>	25 A Chorus Line opens on Broadway, 1975 <i>Be a singular sensation.</i>	26 New York becomes the 11th state, 1788 <i>The Empire State strikes back.</i> 	27 H.J. Heinz is incorporated, 1900 <i>A day that struck fear into the hearts of tomatoes everywhere.</i>	28 The French Revolution's Reign of Terror ends, 1794 <i>Eat cake.</i>	29 NASA is established, 1958 <i>Have a blast-off!</i>
30 Arnold Schwarzenegger born, 1947 <i>Get ready to terminate July.</i>	31 Phew! Baked Bean Month is over. <i>Remove nose plugs.</i>					



DESIGN-A-RIDE

CONTEST

Imagine having your own amusement park. How would you make it unique? What kind of rides would you have? Design a fantastic ride and you could win Nickelodeon Home Videos, a baseball cap, a T-shirt, and other cool Nickelodeon stuff! Here's what to do:

1

Dream up an amusement park ride that no one has ever seen before. It can be crazy, like a Lobster-Go-Round, or scary, like the Hall of Assistant Principals.



2

Describe the ride in words or draw a picture of it (or do both). Let your imagination run wild.



I used to work as a carnival barker.



Mail your entry by July 22, 1995, to:

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We'll choose three winners and print their ideas in a future issue.

Please include your name, address, phone number, and age with your entry. Remember, we cannot return submissions.

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Secrets of

COTTON CANDY



Cotton candy has been around for more than 2,000 years. A modern version was introduced as “fairy floss” in 1900 at a circus.

A man named Thomas Patton heated sugar on a spinning hot plate, creating the sweet, cottony concoction. In some places, such as Australia, cotton candy is still known as fairy floss. In Germany, it’s called “sugar cotton,” and in France, it’s known as “father’s beard.”



STEP 1

The sugar mixture (sugar, flavoring, and coloring) is poured into the “head” of a cotton-candy maker. The head is a heated cylinder with little holes in it, which spins around very fast. It’s located in the center of the cotton-candy maker and is surrounded by a pan that catches the candy.





STEP 2

When the sugar mixture is heated, it turns into a liquid. Because the head is spinning, the liquid is propelled through the holes of the head and into the pan. When the liquid strings touch the air, they solidify, kind of like the web Spider-Man shoots from his wrists.



STEP 3

This is the tricky part—trying to get the little wisps of candy onto a paper cone. You have to move your arm clockwise around the pan while spinning the cone counterclockwise.



Take me for a spin.



STEP 4

Eat! The finished cotton candy should be wrapped in airtight plastic, or eaten immediately. If the cotton candy comes into contact with too much moist air, it will melt, just like it does when you put it in your mouth. A good cotton-candy machine can make more than 300 one-ounce servings in an hour.

Episode 10

Ruffing It

Featuring

Zelda Van Gutters, **NICKELODEON MAGAZINE's** roving reporter

ROOM SERVICE

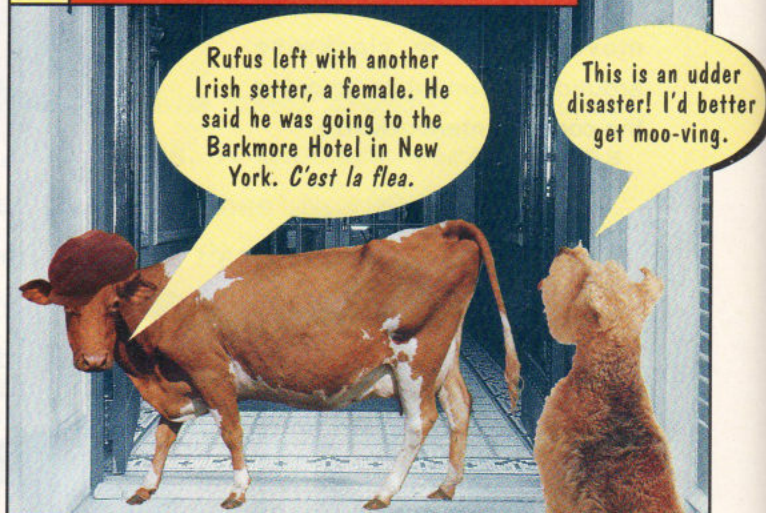
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Zelda and her mother, Zuzu, enjoy a fancy dinner at Le Slurp restaurant. They discuss their summer plans.



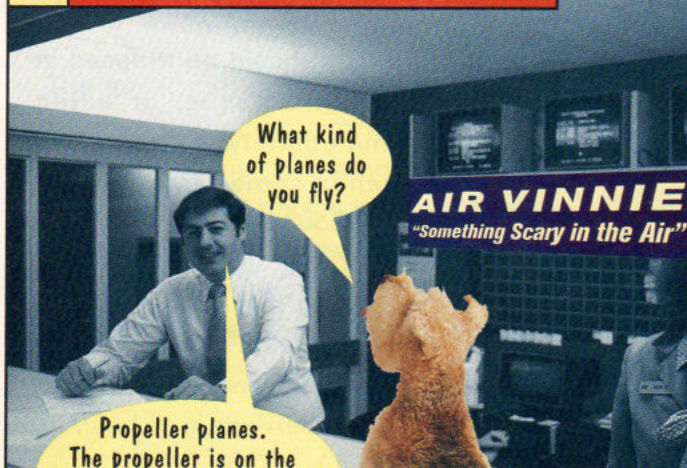
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Zelda arrives in Paris. Outside Rufus's apartment, she meets his neighbor Simone de Bovine, a philosopher.



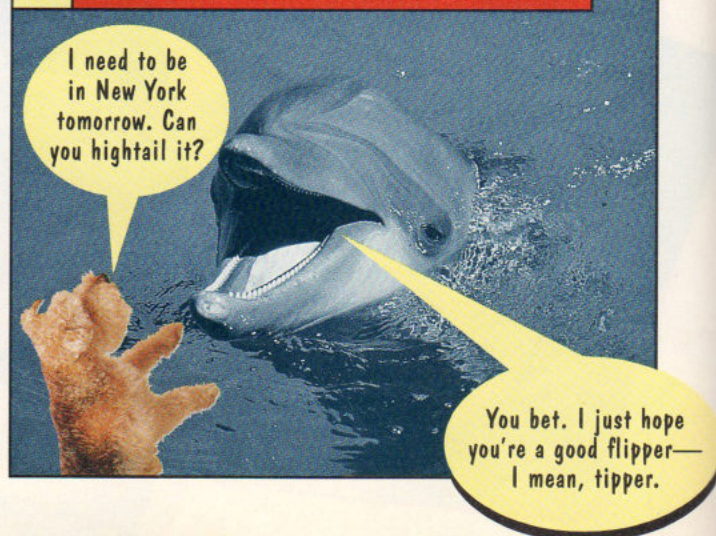
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Zelda runs to the airport. But every airline is booked, except for a new one called Air Vinnie.

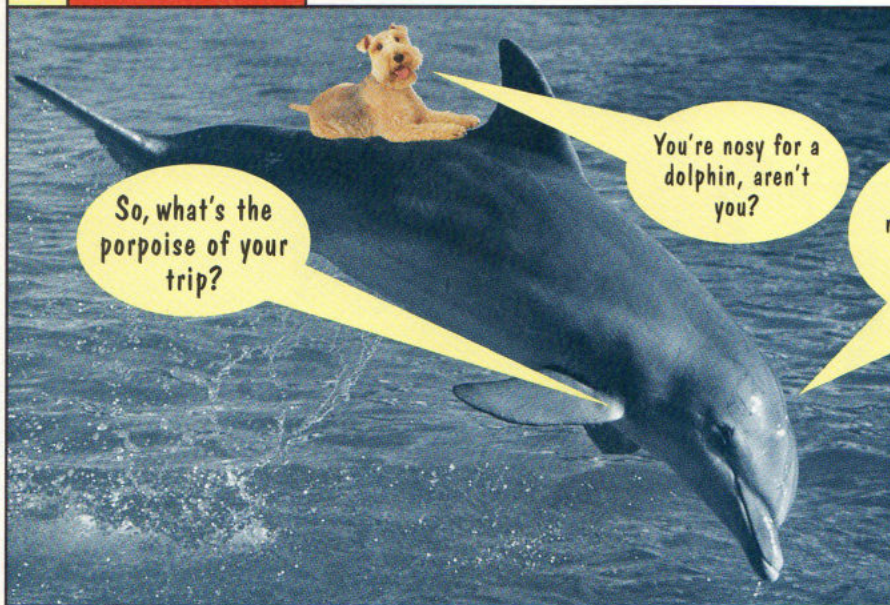


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Zelda decides to dog-paddle across the Atlantic instead. But then she meets taxi driver Travis Pickle.



5 Zelda and Travis speed across the Atlantic.



So, what's the porpoise of your trip?

You're nosy for a dolphin, aren't you?

All dolphins are nosy. Now sit back and relax. This ride's on me.

6 Zelda and Travis arrive in New York City...



7 ...where Zelda goes to the Barkmore Hotel. But there's a problem with the bellhop.



Only guests are allowed upstairs, lady.

If you don't let me upstairs, I'll really ring your bell. I must see Rufus!

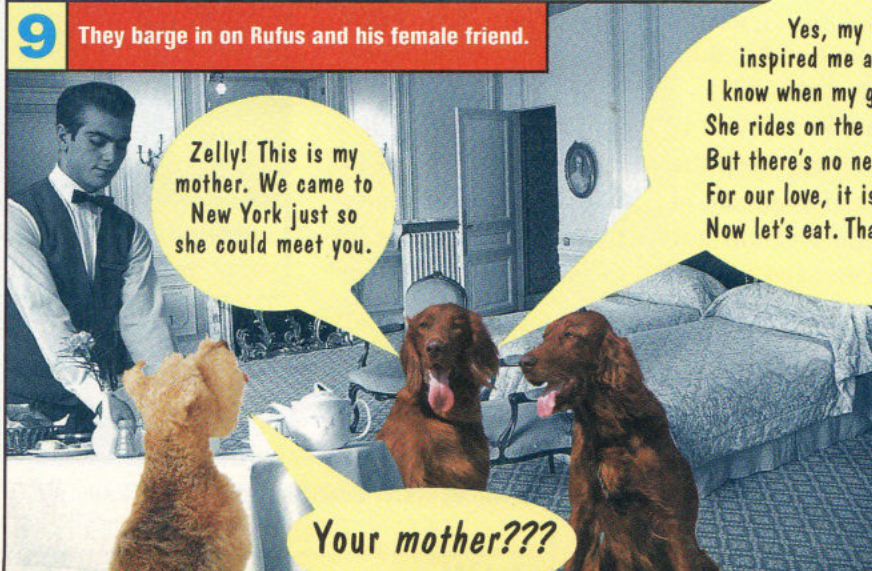
8 Zelda tries another approach. She makes friends with a room-service waiter.



Mr. and Mrs. FitzPumpkin checked in today. You must be a big fan of his if you want to sneak into his room so much.

Mrs. FitzPumpkin? He's married? I'll rip that canine cad's ears off.

9 They barge in on Rufus and his female friend.



Zelly! This is my mother. We came to New York just so she could meet you.

Yes, my dear, and you've inspired me again! Here's a poem: I know when my gal gets suspicious She rides on the backs of big fishes. But there's no need to worry, For our love, it is furry. Now let's eat. That food looks delicious!

Your mother???




THE END



The Movie Couch



He's Batman!

This summer, **Val Kilmer** stars as the Caped Crusader in **Batman Forever**. **NICKELODEON MAGAZINE** spoke with Val on the Movie Couch and asked him what happens when you go batty. 



Nickelodeon Magazine:

What was the best thing about playing Batman?

Val Kilmer: When kids visited the set. Every so often people would bring their kids by. It was great.

NM: What was the hardest thing?

VK: Wearing the suit.

NM: How long did it take to get into your bat suit?

VK: About half an hour. And it weighed about 40 pounds. But I could only keep the suit on for an hour at a time, then I had to get out of it because it would get too hot and I would get dehydrated. You see, the suit's all latex and it's not ventilated, either, so I'd start sweating immediately, especially when I was under the lights.

NM: In *Batman Forever*, how many stunts did you do yourself?

VK: I did just about all of them.

NM: What was it like making a movie with Jim Carrey?

VK: He'd always be trying to goof around and make us laugh. He's great as the Riddler.

NM: Is Jim Carrey "dumb" or "dumber"?

VK: Actually, he's very bright.

NM: When you were growing up, did you watch the Batman TV show?

VK: I have a very vivid memory of when *Batman* started on TV. I was in third grade. My family wasn't much of a TV family, so I didn't watch the very first episode. When I got to school the next morning, *Batman* was the only subject on the playground. Everyone was talking about it. It was funny—by the end of the day I knew the whole show, even though I hadn't seen it.



BLENDING IN? Jim Carrey as the Riddler.



THREE FACES OF EVIL: Two-Face (Tommy Lee Jones) and the Riddler (Jim Carrey).

NM: Did you ever think you would grow up to play Batman?

VK: No. But when I was about 10, I went to the *Batman* TV set because a friend of the family did special effects on the show. I got to sit in the Batmobile and everything. It was really cool.

NM: What kind of 12-year-old were you?

VK: Adventurous. Kind of wild. I raced motocross and surfed all the time.

NM: You can surf?

VK: Yeah, I started when I was about 10 years old.

NM: Were you in school plays?

VK: Yes. In eighth grade, I played a professor in *The Mouse that Roared*. I also played Scrooge in a musical version of *A Christmas Carol*.



THEIR WHEEL IDENTITIES: Bruce Wayne (Val Kilmer) and Dick Grayson (Chris O'Donnell).

NM: Is Val your real name?

VK: Yes. My father named me after his best friend. I didn't like the name as a kid, because I got teased all the time. But now that I'm older, I like my name. It's unique.

NM: Growing up, did you have a favorite family vacation?

VK: Yes. It was when we went to Arizona and New Mexico. I always loved going to the desert.

NM: What was your worst summer job?

VK: I had a lot of summer jobs when I was growing up. My paper route was a bad one. But I think one of the worst jobs I ever had was counting rivets in my dad's warehouse for a day. He was punishing me.

NM: Do you have any pets?

VK: Lots. On my ranch in New Mexico, I've got horses, dogs, cats, and chickens. I also have three buffaloes.

NM: What are their names?

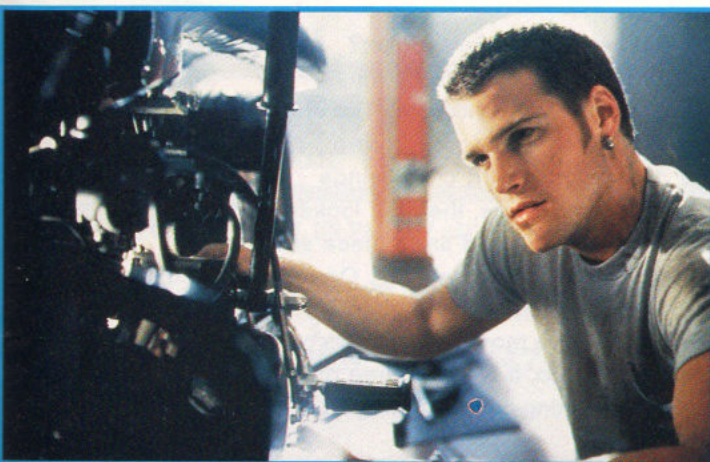
VK: James Brown, Jezebel, and Bambi.

NM: What's the worst thing about being a movie star?

VK: It's very hard to be in public. You can't go out a lot.

NM: Do you ever disguise yourself when you go out?

VK: Yes. I wear sunglasses a lot, and sometimes a hat.



A BOY WONDER AND HIS BIKE: Dick Grayson (Chris O'Donnell) checks out his motorcycle.

continued



A bank guard goes face-to-face with Two-Face.

NM: How are you going to spend all the money you got paid for making *Batman Forever*?

VK: I'll buy a larger ranch in New Mexico.

NM: What's your least favorite vegetable?

VK: Stewed tomatoes.

NM: Does Batman eat all his vegetables?

VK: Yes.

NM: Are you afraid of bats?

VK: No. I like them a lot.

P.S.

Full first name: **Val**

Middle name: **Edward**

Favorite swimming stroke:
The crawl

Favorite band right now:
Led Zeppelin

Hometown: **Los Angeles**

Favorite subject in school: **History**

Shoe size: **10 1/2**

Pizza or ice cream? **Pizza**

More thank-you cards to pull out

The **Man** Behind **BATMAN**

WHO is the mysterious figure behind Batman? **HOW** did he invent the Caped Crusader? **NICKELODEON MAGAZINE** got the **AMAZING** answers to these and other **BURNING QUESTIONS** when we spoke with cartoonist **BOB KANE**.

Nickelodeon Magazine: When did you invent Batman?

Bob Kane: When I was 13 years old.

NM: How did you get the idea for Batman?

BK: I was reading about Leonardo da Vinci, and I saw his sketch for the Ornithopter. The Ornithopter was his idea for a flying machine. He drew a man with cloth wings coming off of his body. To me, the man looked like a bat man. I was fascinated and I made sketches of it. Two other things influenced me. One was an old movie called *The Bat Whispers*. It was about a villain named The Bat. Also, I liked Zorro movies. Zorro was my first idol. I liked his dual identity. So, it was all three of these things that sort of got me thinking and imagining a bat man.

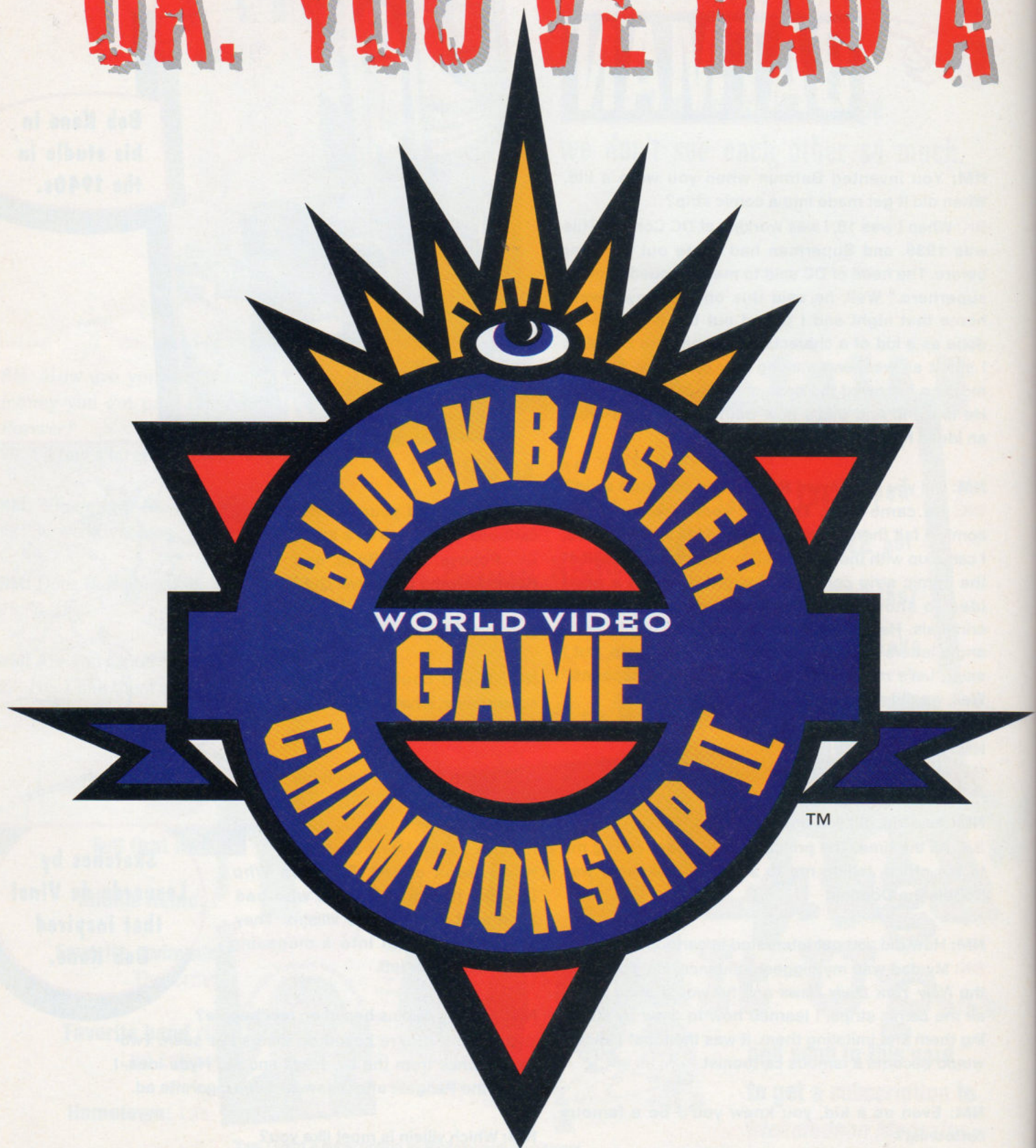


Batman's father,
Bob Kane

Holy Un-Finished Interview! Turn to **page 55.**



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The Surinam Toad

Also known as: *Pipa pipa*

How big are they?

4 1/2 to 8 inches long.

Where do they live?

On the bottom of lakes, ponds, and slow-moving streams in South America.

What do they eat?

Worms, insect larvae, and small fish.



What are those bumps on its back?

They're eggs. Each female lays up to 100 eggs. The male fertilizes them and then pushes some onto the female's back. Each egg sits in a tiny pocket covered by a layer of tissue. The eggs stay there and hatch into tadpoles. The tadpoles grow into toadlets. Then they force open the tissue that covers them and swim away. This takes from two to four months.

I'll have three eggs on toads with hash browns.



Why you wouldn't want to invite one over for dinner

The Surinam toad doesn't have a tongue or teeth, and its tiny eyes are almost useless. To eat, it sits motionless in the water with its arms and fingers outstretched. When it senses something going by, it shovels it greedily into its mouth.



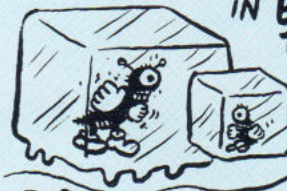
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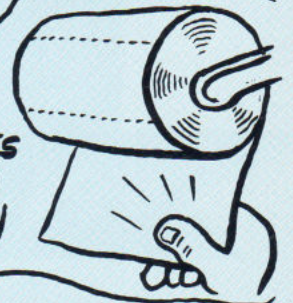
SOME STARFISH STICK THEIR STOMACHS OUT THROUGH THEIR MOUTHS TO DIGEST THEIR FOOD. **BURP!**



THERE ARE FLEAS THAT CAN SURVIVE UP TO EIGHT MONTHS IN BELOW-FREEZING TEMPERATURES WITHOUT EATING OR MOVING.



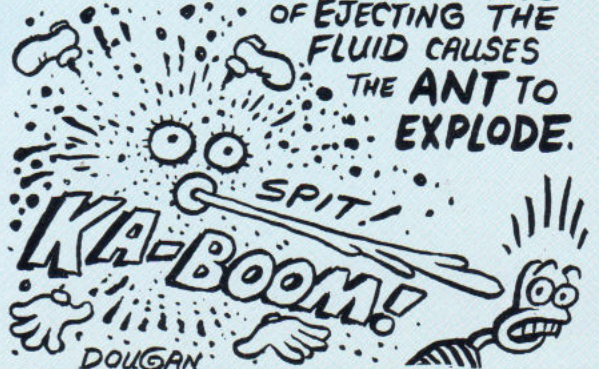
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WEINERVILLE

What do a rubber hand, a toilet plunger, and M&M's all have in common? It's Marc Weiner, the guy who puts the Weiner in *Weinerville*. **Cheryl Family** pulled a few strings and got this exclusive interview with Marc.



Weinerville's
Top Dog:
Marc Weiner



Nickelodeon Magazine: How did you get started as a performer?

Marc Weiner: I was working on a sailboat called the *Clearwater* as a cook and first mate. I entertained kids who came on the boat, and also taught them about the Hudson River and the environment. I enjoyed talking to the kids a lot. Then I took a clown course and a mime course and became a street performer.



NM: Is it true that Robin Williams once joined in on your act?

MW: When I was a street performer, I used to juggle a rubber hand, an M&M's candy, and a toilet plunger. I would take the rubber hand and say "nanu, nanu" like Robin Williams used to do [on the TV show *Mork & Mindy*]. I figured if I did this, somehow it would get back to him and I would get to meet him. The very first time I performed my act in front of the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York City, Robin Williams came out of the audience. I just freaked out. It was incredible. We performed together in the street. He came back the following week, and we played again.

NM: Did he give you any advice?

MW: He introduced me to his manager. They took me out to Los Angeles to do a movie and a pilot for a TV show. So he was very, very helpful.

NM: As a kid, who were some of your favorite comedians?

MW: Jerry Lewis was my favorite. I also liked Steve Martin, the Smothers Brothers, and Lucy. I really enjoy slapstick and physical humor.

NM: What kind of 12-year-old were you?

MW: I got into a lot of trouble in school. I was probably a little annoying, but that's what makes me a good comedian.

NM: What was your favorite subject in school?

MW: School wasn't a very pleasant experience for me, because of my dyslexia. I had to work extra hard. [People with dyslexia may have trouble reading, spelling, writing, or speaking.]

NM: Do you have your own *Weinerville* stage at home? How do you practice?

MW: The big *Weinerville* stage is down in Florida. In my studios in New York, I have a hundred puppet sets, like the ones that Dottie lives in. I practice with the puppets in front of a mirror. As we get closer to shooting something, I practice in front of a video camera.

NM: Do people ever confuse you with Dottie?

MW: They're confused about how we both exist.

NM: Which one of the puppet characters is most like you?

MW: Well, Boney is like the nasty side of me. Socko is like the tough yet caring side of me. Dottie is my female side—she's the organizer. They're all extensions of me.



NM: Did you ever think about doing something other than performing?

MW: I left show business about five years ago for nearly seven months. I went to work in my family business, which is plumbing supplies. I was in the complaint department. All day people would call up complaining about their toilets and bathtubs. That's when I realized I belonged in show business, so I went back.

NM: Do you call them hot dogs, franks, wieners, or red hots?

MW: We call them hot dogs in my family.

NM: What do you like on hot dogs?

MW: Mustard, relish, and sauerkraut. I like the kosher hot dogs. Nitrite-free hot dogs, too!

NM: If you had to be stranded on a desert island with only one puppet, which one would you choose?

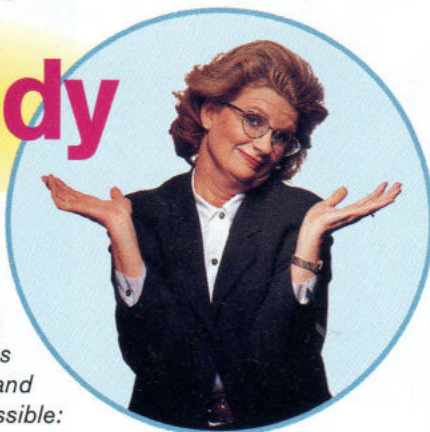
MW: Probably Boney, because I would need the protection. I would feel safe on an island with him.



Ask the Boss Lady

Where you ask the president of Nickelodeon, Geraldine B. Laybourne, anything you want.

This is the Boss Lady's first appearance in the Ooze News section. Please give her a warm and slimy welcome in the best way possible: Write her!



Did you ever have braces?

Yes, for two years. Before I got braces, I thought having them was the coolest thing in the world. I would pretend I had braces by putting rubber bands in my mouth. When I finally *did* get braces, they weren't the kind I thought was coolest—I never had rubber bands!

What did you collect when you were a kid?

I had the best collection of drinking-straw wrappers, which I kept in a big cardboard box underneath my bed. My sisters and I would weave them into long strands that had no particular use. Mostly, it was just about how many wrappers you had. Then we got into gum wrappers made for fruit-striped gum. Before that, I collected and made paper dolls. My sisters and I had thousands of paper dolls.

Of all the famous people you've met, who are some of your favorites?

Steven Spielberg, because he's very playful, and Whoopi Goldberg.

If a deli were to make a Geraldine Laybourne sandwich, what would be on it?

Peanut butter and bacon on rye toast.

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Ooze Picture is it?

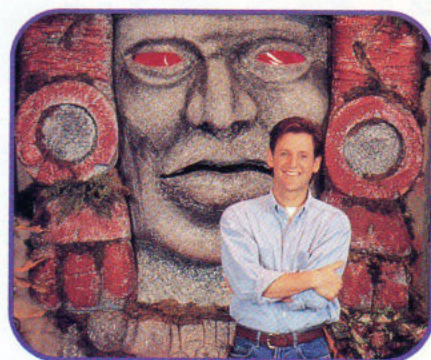
Here's a close-up of a Nickelodeon actress. Can you guess who it is? (Answer, and a complete photo, on page 69.)

Programming Highlights

The UtoU-niverse: Find out how kids all over the world feel about their families in *U to U Presents: Letters to Mom and Dad*. Nickelodeon gave cameras to kids all over the globe and asked them to record their thoughts about family life. The special airs on Saturday, June 17, at 5:30 PM, and again on Father's Day, June 18, at 7:30 PM.

A sticky summer situation: Stick Stickley is back. The famous ice-cream-stick puppet will host Nickelodeon, Monday through Friday, from 3 to 5 PM. These afternoons will be filled with a mix of Nicktoons, cartoons, and prize giveaways, along with *bing* top ten lists, and celebrity interviews. Look for the Nickelodeon premiere of *Alvin and the Chipmunks*, the classic cartoon about the adventures of three singing rodents, on July 3.

What becomes a Legend most: In July, new episodes of *Legends of the Hidden Temple* (below) will air Monday through Friday at 6 PM.



All times are for Eastern and Pacific time zones. Shows air one hour earlier in the Central time zone.



WHATEVER ^RYOU WANT

SAY WHAT? FROM THE FEBRUARY/MARCH ISSUE:

We asked you what these perky party-goers were thinking and saying. Here are our favorite entries:



WOMAN ON RIGHT: Look at him! He can't even move!

MAN: Kryptonite...holding me back...can't...move!

WOMAN ON LEFT: Mr. Luthor was right! This kryptonite stick is getting to him.

WOMAN ON FLOOR: Oh, my dear Superman!

Josh A., age 13
Hampden, Maine

WOMAN ON RIGHT: Here's to Mary, the worst cook I know.

MAN: At least this Italian meal has given us a good workout.

WOMAN ON LEFT: Mary's giant bread stick makes a great limbo pole.

WOMAN ON FLOOR: Next, let's play hoops with my mega meatballs or tug-of-war with my spaghetti.

Phillip D., age 9
Des Moines, Iowa

WHAT'S YOUR SIGN? CONTEST RESULTS

In the February/March issue, we made up some signs and asked you to tell us what they might mean. Here are the contest winners and honorable mentions. The four winners will receive a Nickelodeon home video and other great Nickelodeon stuff.



WINNER

No Hanging Around The Train Station
Kelly F., age 13, Bristol, Connecticut

HONORABLE MENTIONS

Make Way! Train Coming Through Closet
Leah S., age 11, La Mirada, California
Alan S., age 13, Hoffman Estates, Illinois

We'll Cook Your Hangers For Free!
Douglas P., age 10, Salt Lake City, Utah

Hang Up TV After Use
Jenny W., age 11, Scotts Valley, California

One Train Fits All
Mark M., age 14, Arnold, Maryland

Hang Around For Our Next Program
Matt R., age 11, Loganville, Georgia

Subway Dry Cleaning Zone
Janel R., age 14, Durham, California

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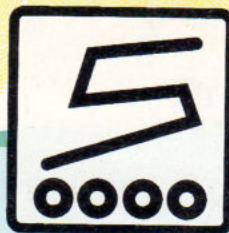
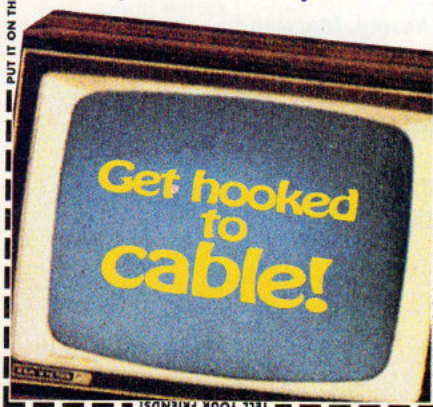


2 doesn't have cable tv.



3 has no idea what cable tv is.

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**WINNER**

Eels On Wheels
Mark M., age 14, Arnold, Maryland

HONORABLE MENTIONS

Watch Out For Mini Donuts
Kori J., age 13, Parshall, North Dakota

Inexperienced Worm On Rollerblades
Lorraine K., age 12, Astoria, New York

Superman's Parking Space
Beth Y., age 12, Hoffman Estates, Illinois

Watch Out For Runaway Shopping Carts

Jenny W., age 11, Scotts Valley, California

Brandie T., age 13, Brandon, Florida

Marble Racetrack Next Exit
Josh D., age 10, Fort Collins, Colorado

**WINNER**

Cheese Fixin's
Kelli R., age 12, Wilmington, Delaware

HONORABLE MENTIONS

Wisconsin Mechanic
Jacob M., age 13, West Dundee, Illinois

You Are Now Entering the City of Limburgerwrench
Rachel B., age 13, Atlanta, Georgia

Don't Cut The Cheese: Loosen It Instead
Matt R., age 11, Loganville, Georgia

Cheese Tightening
Emily T., age 11, Miami, Florida

Pinch Your Nose: Cheese Smell Ahead
Ellen S., age 14, Perrysburg, Ohio



Danger: Round Worm Zone.

**WINNER**

Danger: Falling Cinnamon Roll Zone

Christopher C., age 14, Elizabethtown, Kentucky

HONORABLE MENTIONS

Eye Doctor Next Exit
Janell B., age 13, Bellingham, Washington


This Restaurant Sells Curly Fries
Ashley C., age 11, Hudson, Massachusetts

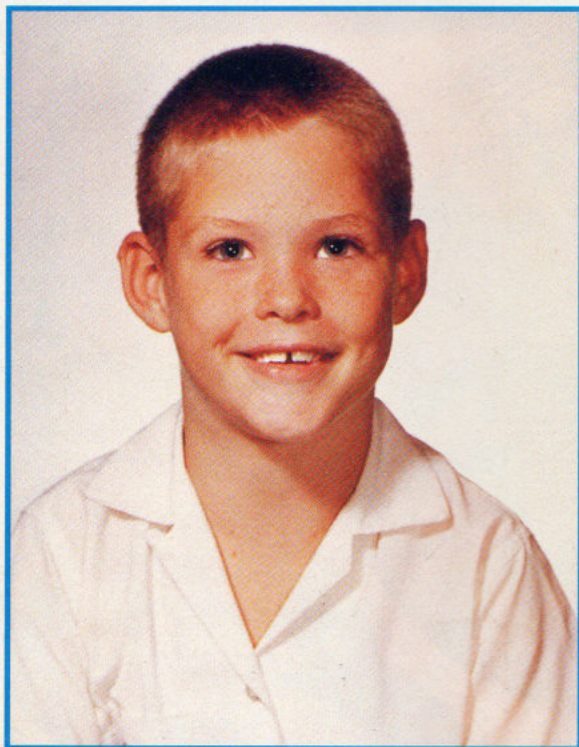
In Case Of Dizziness, Stop Looking At This Sign
Rachel B., age 13, Atlanta, Georgia

Zone-Out Zone
Ellen S., age 14, Perrysburg, Ohio

Hypnotists' Club
Many entries

FACE TO FACE

Take a good look at the boy on the left. He grew up to be one of the famous men on the right. Can you guess which one he is? **Answer on page 69.** 



David Hasselhoff,
actor



David Letterman,
talk-show host



Dan Quayle,
former vice-president



To Be or Not to Be

by Patty Marx

Would you rather be a bumblebee or a lawn chair?



Shouldn't this be called
"To Bee or Not to Bee?"



Advantages of Being a Bumblebee

- All the honey you can eat
- Spend lots of time in the garden
- There's a buzz about you
- Can say, "None of your beeswax," and really mean it
- Nice striped outfit
- Get to work for the queen
- No need for cable because you have your own antennae

Advantages of Being a Lawn Chair

- Always have a seat
- Invited to parades and barbecues
- You leave your mark on people
- Get the winter off
- Available in more colors than just yellow and black
- People carry you
- No one runs away from you screaming



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Ever wonder what they're thinking about?

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Camp Counselor

Favorite bug juice recipes.
Guilt about going through kids' care packages.
101 lame ghost stories.
Ways to trick campers into latrine duty.
Fear of dragonflies.
Worries about rash on belly.
Ideas on how to improve the Swiss Army knife.
How do you spell "reveille"?
That cute swim counselor.
Love of sloppy joes.

Lifeguard

I am better looking than David Hasselhoff.
Where are my flip-flops?
Yeah, white stuff on my nose *does* make me look cool.
Forget it—that kid's too far out to save.
I'm the king, and all you little people are my servants.
Where's my "Official Bikini Inspector" T-shirt?
Remember to tuck in stomach.
Practice whistle-twirling skills.
A big shark sure would liven things up.

Ice Cream Man

I wish this music would stop.
Will my fingers freeze off?
Only 500 more used ice cream sticks, and my dream house will be finished!
When do I get a summer vacation?
I want to drive faster than five miles per hour.
How to remove chocolate stains.
Sprinkles vs. jimmies.
Could penguins live in my truck?
No, kid, I'm not a cone head.

GUARD

Hey, drop that down here!



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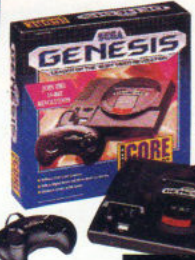
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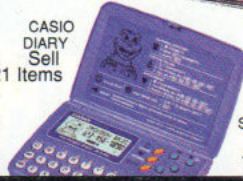


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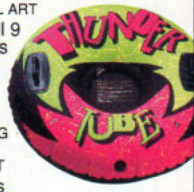
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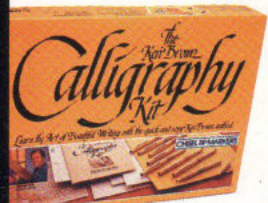
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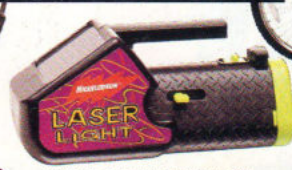
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Button Gwinnett
Francis Lightfoot Lee
Oliver Wolcott
Caesar Rodney
William Whipple

Ahoy, Dinghy! (Pages 20-21)

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Also, "guess" was printed as "quess" on page 50.



They're wrong. I'm the brightest star.

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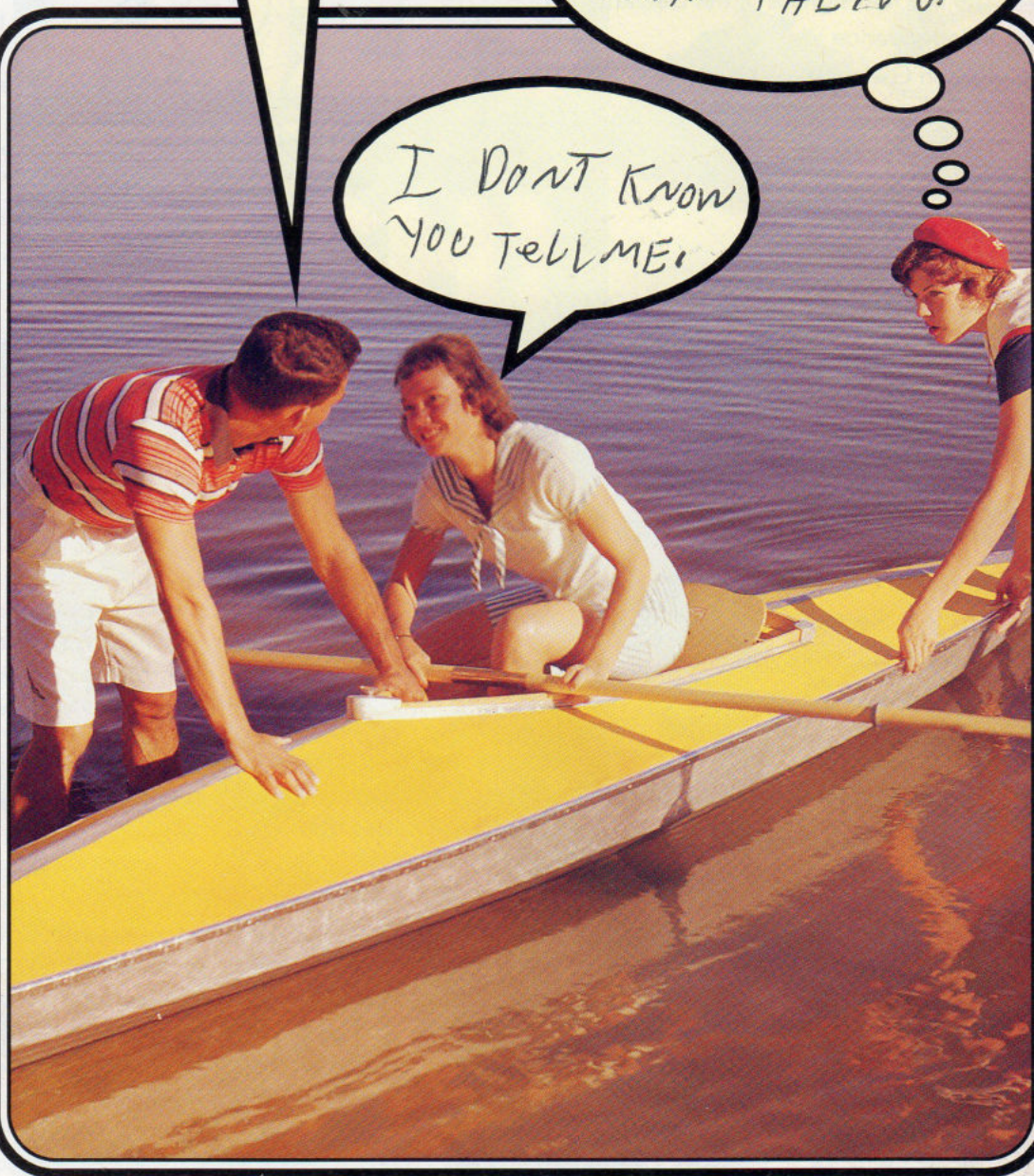
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